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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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APRIL, 1904, TO MARCH, 1905.

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REPORT

OF THE

WIMBLEDON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

For the Year ended March 31st, 1905.

To the Chairman and Members of the Wimbledon Urban District Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee have pleasure in presenting their Eighteenth Annual Report.

The stock of the Library now numbers 15,281 volumes, as against 14,577 last year. The Lending Library contains 9,695 volumes, an increase of 333 volumes; and the Reference Library 5,586 books and pamphlets, an increase of 371 volumes.

The total issues for the year were 111,048, which show a decrease of 4,609. Of this total 94,876 were issued from the Lending Library, and

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16,172 in the Reference Library. In the Lending Library there was a decrease of 3,830 in the Fiction issue, and 908 in the Juvenile, but we are gratified to report that in the issue of other works there was an increase of 2,620.

The Reference Library was used by 13,744 persons.

The following table compares the class of literature read now with that read during the first complete year of the Library's work, and also with that of the middle period (1896–7). In the first two periods the Fiction and Juvenile issues were combined.

Class.	1888–9.		1896–7.		1904–5.	
	Issue.	Per cent.	Issue.	Per cent.	Issue.	Per cent.
General Works and Magazines.			753	0·96	5,126	4·74
Theology and Philosophy	1,170	1·28	1,135	1·45	1,790	1·60
Law, Politics and Commerce.	246	0·27	294	0·37	1,590	1·41
Arts and Sciences	3,815	4·22	2,610	3·33	11,033	9·91
Literature	6,351	6·94	3,321	4·23	4,542	4·09
History, Biography and Travels.	7,510	8·23	5,079	6·47	9,470	8·51
Fiction	72,214	79·06	65,300	83·19	66,644	60·01
Juvenile Works					10,853	9·73
Totals	91,306	100·00	78,492	100·00	111,048	100·00

The number of tickets issued to borrowers was 3,282, an increase of 704.

A census of the attendance at the Reading Room taken during the year shows that there are on an average 1,425 persons daily using the room. The Sunday attendance during the summer months averaged 241, and during the winter months 247.

The ventilation of the Reading Room, long a cause of complaint, has been improved by placing four dormer windows in the roof.

The number of books added amounted to 704, of which 175 were purchased, and 529 presented. There were many noteworthy additions during the year, and one we may specially mention is a copy of the rare and valuable 'History of Surrey,' by Manning and Bray.

Five books were unaccounted for at the annual stocktaking, eight were lost by default, and three were lost and paid for by borrowers.

Many books were withdrawn during the year, and where necessary were replaced by new copies.

The catalogue, upon the compilation of which the Librarian was engaged at the time of the last report, was completed in August: 541 copies have since been sold.

Previous to the catalogue being printed the whole of the books in the Lending Library were

re-classified and arranged on a modification of the Dewey Decimal System, as employed in the Reference Library.

As in former years, special lists of books on subjects of current interest were prepared and posted in the Reading Room.

The cases round the Reading Room have been glazed in order to improve the appearance of the room, and to receive the Museum Collection. Several additions to the collection were made during the year, but we would specially call attention to the need of objects of local interest, and respectfully solicit donations.

The donors of books and periodicals have been numerous: among them we again specially mention Col. Ll. W. Longstaff, who contributed 83 volumes.

With the object of encouraging the use of the Library for purposes of serious study, the Committee have, since January 1st, introduced Students' Tickets, as in use at the principal London and provincial libraries. These tickets are issued in addition to the ordinary Readers' Tickets, and are not available for works of fiction.

The number of Students' Tickets which were issued up to March 31st was 83.

The receipts, together with the balance of £68 3s. 9d., amounted to £1,524 10s. 6d., and the expenditure to £1,518 11s. 9d., leaving a balance in favour of the Committee of £5 18s. 9d.

Financial statements and the usual statistical tables are appended.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

C. W. BOURNE,

Chairman.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31st, 1905.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
ESTABLISHMENT :—						
Light and Fuel	107	18	1			
Miscellaneous	81	14	6			
				189	12	7
Salaries and Wages				553	4	0
Books, Binding and Periodicals ...				244	7	3
Printing Catalogue				125	14	0
Rates and Taxes				6	11	8
LOANS :—						
Instalments	181	0	3			
Interest	218	2	0			
				399	2	3
Balance				5	18	9
				£1,524	10	6

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Balance	68	3	9
Rate	1,357	0	0
Fines, Sale of Catalogues, etc.	63	7	9
Advertisements	34	5	0
Rents	1	14	0
	£1,524	10	6

BALANCE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Librarian (Wages and Petty Cash)...	6	14	0
Treasurer (Extension Loans)	23	2	3
Extension Works	2,878	19	2
Site Loan	1,228	1	6
Building Works	1,266	11	2
Completion Works	171	18	10
	£5,575	6	11

	£	s.	d.
Treasurer (Income Account)	0	15	3
Prudential Assurance Co.	2,494	12	8
Liverpool Victoria Legal Friendly Society ...	171	18	10
Corporation of Huddersfield	2,902	1	5
General Account	5	18	9
	£5,575	6	11

DONORS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, ETC.

Accountants, Society of	1
Agent-General for New Zealand...	10
Agent-General for South Australia	1
Amalgamated Press, Ltd.... ...	1
Apperson, Mr. G. L.	21
Bennett & Co.	1
Bramston, Sir John	3
British Museum Trustees... ...	9
Browne, Messrs. T. B.	1
Brownlow, General	1
Canadian Manufacturers' Association...	1
Choate, Hon. J. H.	1
Copeland, Mr. H. v.d.B.	7
Delaire, Mr. J.	1
Dowson, Mr. W.	1
Druce, Mr. C.	3
Farrer, Lady	1
Fielder, Mr. E.	12
FitzGerald, Mr. A. J. A.	4
Fryer, Dr. A. C.	1
Glennie, Miss	4
Groot, Dr. J. Morgan de	1
Grose, Mr. J. S.	1
Hampton, Messrs.	2
Hodgson, Mr. C. R.	1
Hollinsworth, Mr. C. B.	4
Kough, Miss	59
Lacey, Mr. G. Graham	2
Lamotte, Mr. W. de G.	74
London, Corporation of	1
London Directory Co.	2
Longstaff, Mr. F. V.	4
Longstaff, Col. Ll. W.	83
Longstaff, Dr. T. G.	12
Macdonald, Messrs. & Co. ...	2
McLaren, Mrs.	Music
Mather and Crowther, Messrs. ...	1
Miland, Mrs.	2
Montague, Mr. G. H.	1
Moore, Miss E. F.	1
Mortimer, Mr. P.	4
Nichol, Mrs....	105
Paton, Messrs. J. and G.	1
Religious Tract Society	1
Ross, Captain	18
Russell, Mr. L. S.	3
Sanford, Miss M. E.	2
Shearman, Miss	1
Shehan, Miss	1
Sidney, Mr. P.	1
Stewart, Mrs.	Music
Stubbs Publishing Co.	1
Sullivan, Mrs.	1
Teachers, National Union of ...	1
Thrupp, Mrs.	2
Tollemache, Hon. B. L.	1
Trim, Mr. E.	2
United States: Commissioner of Education, Washington... ...	1
Webb, Major	2

DONORS OF PERIODICALS.

Apperson, Mr. G. L.—'Antiquary' (monthly).
Appleby, Mr. P.—'Church Times' (weekly).
Beatty, Mr. O. H.—'Star' (daily).
Collings, Mr. J. B.—'Tablet' (weekly), and 'Catholic Fireside' (weekly).
High, Mr. A.—'Bookkeeper's Record' (monthly).
Lacey, Mrs. Graham.—'White Ribbon' (monthly).
Longstaff, Col. Ll. W.—'Meteorological Journal' (quarterly).
Longstaff, Mr. F. V.—'Navy League Journal' (monthly).
Pearse, Mr. E. R.—'Free Russia' (monthly).
Peskett, Mr. L.—'Clarion' (weekly).
Social Democratic Federation.—'Justice' (weekly), and 'Social Democrat' (monthly).
Stevens, Mr. J. B.—'National Deposit Friendly Society's Magazine' (monthly).
Townsend, Mr. J., J.P.—'Christian' (weekly), 'Church Missionary Intelligencer,' and 'Home Gazette' (monthly).
Trim, Mr. E.—'Wimbledon Directory' (annually).
Wimbledon Ethical Society.—'Ethics' (weekly).

In addition to the above periodicals the Publishers present copies of the papers marked with an asterisk in the list at the end of this Report.

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

Copeland, Mr. H. v.d.B.	Section of a Wooden Water Pipe.
Cowin, Mr.	Panoramic View of Constantinople.
Director of Excavations, Beni-Hasan	Thirty-one Specimens of Egyptian Pottery.
Farrar, Mr. W. H.	Two Skins.
Penny, Mr. A. J.	An Ammonite.
Randolph, Mr. J. A.	Plan of Chertsey Church and Plan of Merton Abbey Site.
Stedman, Mrs.	A Skin.

General Table.

Total issue to Borrowers and Readers.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics, and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography, and Travels.	Fiction.	Juvenile.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
April ...	22	575	90	119	798	310	853	5965	1085	9795	446
May ...	23	449	74	87	741	257	703	5576	914	8801	382
June ...	23½	355	84	75	622	283	549	4890	740	7598	323
July ...	23	347	68	86	511	254	560	4086	638	6550	283
August ...	13½	245	90	76	445	127	312	2523	416	4234	314
September ...	24	493	183	140	910	414	850	5415	895	9300	388
October ...	24	473	211	129	1167	459	897	6176	1024	10536	439
November ...	23½	400	188	177	1006	474	934	6191	1028	10398	443
December ...	24	419	187	154	982	491	828	6149	1024	10234	426
January ...	24	484	190	170	1285	464	862	6549	1092	11096	462
February ...	24	429	204	158	1243	492	997	6349	918	10790	449
March ...	24½	457	221	219	1323	517	1125	6775	1079	11716	478
TOTALS...	273	5126	1790	1590	11033	4542	9470	66644	10853	111048	403

Table of Issues, Lending Library.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics, and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography, and Travels.	Fiction.	Juvenile Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
April ...	22	103	51	40	345	227	514	5965	1085	8330	379
May ...	23	79	53	25	316	188	466	5576	914	7617	331
June ...	23½	73	44	25	274	222	327	4890	740	6595	280
July ...	23	38	40	26	181	179	241	4086	638	5429	236
August ...	13½	37	52	26	190	80	154	2523	416	3478	258
September ...	24	67	105	75	455	274	462	5415	895	7748	323
October ...	24	72	139	66	654	347	515	6176	1024	8993	375
November ...	23½	76	127	79	595	348	579	6191	1028	9023	384
December ...	24	135	126	60	534	338	513	6149	1024	8879	370
January ...	24	145	119	62	670	345	542	6549	1092	9524	397
February ...	24	126	129	65	667	334	683	6349	918	9271	386
March ...	24½	145	135	106	649	359	741	6775	1079	9989	408
TOTALS...	273	1096	1120	655	5530	3241	5737	66644	10853	94876	344

Table of Issues, Reference Library.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography, and Travels.	Total.	Daily Average.
April ...	22	472	39	79	453	83	339	1465	67
May ...	23	370	21	62	425	69	237	1184	51
June ...	23½	282	40	50	348	61	222	1003	43
July ...	23	309	28	60	330	75	319	1121	47
August ...	13½	208	38	50	255	47	158	756	56
September ...	24	426	78	65	455	140	388	1552	65
October ...	24	401	72	63	513	112	382	1543	64
November ...	23½	324	61	98	411	126	355	1375	59
December ...	24	284	61	94	448	153	315	1355	56
January ...	24	339	71	108	615	119	320	1572	65
February ...	24	303	75	93	576	158	314	1519	63
March ...	24½	312	86	113	674	158	384	1727	70
TOTALS...	273	4030	670	935	5503	1301	3733	16172	59

TABLE

Showing the Total Annual Issue of Volumes since the Opening of the Library.

1887-8 Lending Library four months only	37,344
1888-9	91,306
1889-90	89,372
1890-1	83,208
1891-2	83,186
1892-3	84,885
1893-4	87,068
1894-5	90,101
1895-6	81,290
1896-7	78,492
1897-8	87,017
1898-9	90,438
1899-1900	96,149
1900-1	106,936
1901-2	108,003
1902-3	111,268
1903-4	115,657
1904-5	111,048
TOTAL	1,633,668

STOCK.

	Lending.	Reference.
General Works and Magazines	251 ...	2,239
Theology and Philosophy	717 ...	77
Law, Politics and Commerce	390 ...	682
Arts and Sciences	1,291 ...	1,139
Literature	1,028 ...	381
History, Biography and Travels	2,248 ...	1,068
Fiction	2,707	
Juvenile Literature	564	
Duplicates	499	
	9,695 ...	5,586
	15,281	

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	20
Actors and Actresses	5
Agents	20
Architects, Surveyors, and Draughtsmen	23
Artists and Designers	16
Authors	2
Bakers and Confectioners ...	13
Bank Officials	18
Barristers	7
Bootmakers	3
Builders, Bricklayers, and Carpenters	38
Butchers	11
Chemists	10
Civil Servants	57
Clergymen	10
Clerks and Bookkeepers	337
Coachbuilders	4
Collectors	2
Commercial Travellers	27
Dairymen	4
Dentists	2
Doctors	20
Domestic Servants	79
Drapers and Assistants	22
Dressmakers and Milliners ...	35
Editors	2
Electricians	14
Engineers	36
Gardeners	13
Grocers and Assistants	24
Hairdressers	6
Ironmongers	4
Jewellers and Watchmakers ...	11
Journalists and Reporters ...	22
Licensed Victuallers	2
Managers	23
Merchants and Manufacturers ...	26
Military	15
Miscellaneous Assistants ...	33
Musicians	10
Nurserymen	2
Nurses (Hospital and District) ...	10
Oilmen	3
Painters and Decorators ...	17
Photographers	8
Plumbers	8
Postmen	4
Printers and Compositors ...	20
Publishers	5
Railway Servants...	5
Saddlers and Harness Makers ...	2
Salesmen	3
Secretaries	10
Scholars and Students	186
Schoolmasters, Schoolmistresses, and Teachers	135
Scientists	5
Solicitors	13
Stationers and Booksellers ...	4
Stockbrokers	5
Tailors	11
Telegraphists	5
Telegraph Messengers	2
Tobacconists	2
Trades, Various (1 each)	49
Warehousemen	8
No occupations and not stated (chiefly the wives and daughters of ratepayers)	1,734
	3,282

Ratepayers	865
Non-Ratepayers	2,417
	3,282

SEXES.

Males	1,585
Females	1,697
	3,282

AGES.

Under 20	793
,, 30	723
,, 40	438
,, 50	219
,, 60	136
Over 60	99
Not stated	874
	3,282

WARDS.

Cottenham Park	228
Dundonald	394
St. John's	653
St. Mary's	584
South Park	852
Trinity	571
	3,282

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS, ETC.,

TAKEN IN THE LIBRARY.

Those marked thus * are presented by the Publishers and others.

DAILIES.

Daily Chronicle
Daily Graphic
Daily News
Daily Telegraph
Echo
Evening Standard and St. James's Gazette
Globe
Morning Post
Pall Mall Gazette
Standard
*Star
Times (2 copies)
Westminster Gazette

WEEKLIES.

*Architect
Athenæum
*Banner of Israel
Black and White
*British Architect
*Broad Arrow
Builder
*Canadian Gazette
*Catholic Fireside
*Christian
*Christian Globe
Christian World
*Church Times
*Civilian
*Civil Service Aspirant
*Civil Service Weekly
*Clarion
*County Gentleman
*Croydon Guardian
Economist
Electrical Review
Engineering
*English Churchman
English Mechanic
Era
*Ethics
Exchange and Mart (thrice weekly)
Field
*Free Trader
Gardeners' Chronicle
*Good Tidings
Graphic
Guardian
Illustrated London News
*Illustrated Journal of Patents
*Insurance Record
*Jewish World
Judy
*Justice
*Labour Leader
Lady
Lady's Pictorial
Land and Water
*Laundry Record
*Licensing World
*Local Government Journal
*London Argus
*Middlesex County Times
*Modern Society
Musical News
Nature
*News of the World
*Norwood News
Notes and Queries
*Phonetic Journal
Punch
*Putney and Wandsworth Boro' News
Queen
*Richmond and Twickenham Times
*Richmond Herald
Saturday Review
Sketch
Speaker
Spectator
*Surrey Advertiser
*Surrey Comet (3 copies)
*Surrey Independent (3 copies)
*Tablet
*Timber Trades Journal
United Service Gazette
*University Correspondent (bi-weekly)
*Wimbledon Gazette (3 copies)
*Wimbledon Herald (3 copies)
*Wimbledon News (3 copies)
World

MONTHLIES.

*Anglo-Russian
*Antiquary
*Anti-Slavery Reporter
*Arms and Explosives
Blackwood's Magazine
*Bookkeepers' Record
Boy's Own Paper
Burlington Magazine
Cassell's Magazine
Century Magazine
Chambers's Journal
*Church Missionary Intelligencer
*Collector's Magazine
Cornhill Magazine
*Deceased Seamen
*Educational Times
English Illustrated Magazine
*Food and Cookery
Fortnightly Review
*Free Russia
Girl's Own Paper
Good Words
Harper's Magazine
*Herald of Health
*Herald of the Golden Age
*Horlick's Magazine
Idler
*Illustrated Temperance Monthly
Independent Review
*Insurance Agent
*Journal of Education
*Kennel Gazette
Knowledge
*Labour Gazette
Leisure Hour
Literary World
Longman's Magazine
Macmillan's Magazine
Month
Monthly Review
Musical Times
*National Church
*National Deposit Friendly Society's Magazine
*Navy League Journal
*New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
*Our Waifs and Strays
*Parents' Review
*Patents
Pearson's Magazine
*Philanthropist
*Prohibitionist
Quiver
*Railway Official Gazette
Review of Reviews
*Social Democrat
*State Correspondent
Strand
Studio
Sunday at Home
*Tailor and Cutter
Temple Bar
*Toilers of the Deep
*Tool and Machinery Register
*Tuberculosis
*Union Observer
*Vaccination Inquirer
*War or Brotherhood
*White Ribbon
*Wimbledon Parish Magazine (2 copies)
Windsor Magazine
World's Work
*Zoophilist

QUARTERLIES.

Art Workers' Quarterly
*Educational Record
*Englishwoman's Review
*Meteorological Journal
*Trade Protection Journal

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

A. B. C.
Bradshaw
Bradshaw's Continental
*Caledonian
*Cook's Travellers' Gazette
*District Railway
*Great Central
*Great Eastern
*Great Northern
*Great Western
*London, Brighton and South Coast
*London and South Western
*Metropolitan
*Midland
*North Western
*South Eastern

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REPORT

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WIMBLEDON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

For the Year ended March 31st. 1906.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wimbledon.

Gentlemen :

The Committee have pleasure in presenting their Nineteenth Annual Report.

The stock of the Library now numbers 16,060 volumes as against 15,281 last year. The Lending Library contains 10,067 volumes, an increase of 372 volumes ; and the Reference Library 5,993 books and pamphlets, an increase of 407 volumes.

The total issues for the year were 120,359, which show an increase of 9,311. Of this total 101,545 were issued from the Lending Library, and 18,814

in the Reference Library. In the Lending Library issues there was an increase of 6,669; 2,198 only being Fiction or Juvenile works: and in the Reference Library there was an increase of 2,642.

The number of visits recorded to the Reference Library was 13,198. The Committee are gratified at the use made of the Reference Library, and will endeavour, should funds permit, to bring this useful department more up to date.

The following table compares the classes of literature read now with those read during the first complete year of the Library's work, with those of the middle period (1896-7), and with those of 1904-5. In the first two periods the Fiction and Juvenile issues were combined.

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Arts and Sciences ...	3,815	4·22	2,610	3·33	11,033	9·91	14,955	12·43
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A census of the attendance at the Reading Room taken during the year shows that there are on an average 1,457 persons daily using the room. The Sunday attendance during the summer months averaged 210, and during the winter months 230.

The number of books added amounted to 779, of which 388 were purchased, and 391 presented.

The Committee have arranged to publish a Quarterly List of the Books added to the Library. The first number will be published in September, and will be obtainable gratis on application.

Eight books were unaccounted for at the Annual Stocktaking, three were lost by default, and ten were lost and paid for by borrowers.

Many books were withdrawn during the year, and where necessary were replaced by new copies.

The Committee considered the question of supplying books for blind readers. They were

only able to obtain the names of three persons likely to make use of books in the Braille type, and as the works are costly, it was resolved to purchase two copies of the 'Braille Weekly' for a time.

As in former years, special lists of books on subjects of current interest were prepared and posted in the building.

The gifts of books and periodicals have been numerous. A list of donors will be found in the appendix.

The question of the obliteration of betting news from the daily newspapers was considered, and it was decided to take no action in the matter.

The Committee again call attention to the need of objects of *local* interest for the Museum. They endeavoured during the year to obtain a grant of objects for exhibition from the Victoria and Albert Museum, but regret that the Trustees grant loans of specimens to those Institutions only in which a separate room is available for their display.

The receipts, together with the balance of £5 18s. 9d., amounted to £1,583 1s. 4d., and the

expenditure to £1,394 10s. 6d., leaving a balance in favour of the Committee of £188 10s. 10d.

Financial statements and the usual statistical tables are appended.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

C. W. BOURNE,

Chairman.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31st, 1906.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
ESTABLISHMENT :—						
Light and Fuel	90	6	8			
Miscellaneous	134	8	4			
				215	8	3
Salaries and Wages				518	16	10
Books, Binding and Periodicals				254	6	6
Rates and Taxes				6	16	8
LOANS :—						
Instalments	188	0	7			
Interest	211	1	8			
				399	2	3
Balance				188	10	10
				£1,583	1	4

INCOME

	£	s	d.
Balance	5	18	9
Rate	1.484	0	0
Fines, Sale of Catalogues, etc.	89	19	7
Rents	3	3	0
	£1,583	1	4

BALANCE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Treasurer (Income Account)	181	14	10			
Librarian (Wages and Petty Cash)	6	16	0			
				188	10	10
Treasurer (Extension Loans)	...		...	23	2	3
Extension Works	...		...	2815	19	4
Site Loan	..		...	1207	7	6
Building Works	...		...	1172	12	11
Completion Works	...		...	161	10	4
				£5,569	3	2

	£	s.	d.
Prudential Assurance Co.	2,380	0	5
Liverpool Victoria Legal Friendly Society	161	10	4
Corporation of Huddersfield	2,839	1	7
General Account	188	10	10
	£5569	3	2

DONORS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, ETC.

Apperson, Mr. G. L. ...	9
Beer, Miss	1
Bramston, Sir John	3
British Museum Trustees ...	5
Carson, Mr. T. G.	1
Churchill, Lieutenant Col. ...	3
Copeland, Mr. H. v.d. B. ...	2
Dawbarn and Ward, Messrs.	1
Digby, Long and Co., Messrs.	1
Dobrée, Mr. A.	2
Druce, Mr. G. C.	1
Dublin University, Registrar	2
Durham University, Registrar	1
Easton, Mr. H. T.	1
Evans, Mr. Richardson ...	22
Elliott, Sir Charles	10
Edwards, Mr. J. Passmore ...	1
Eland, Mrs. F.	1
Fielder, Mr. E.	5
Firth, Colonel	2
Fox, Mr. F.	1
Grafton, Duchess of	2
Great Western Railway Co.	1
Green, Mr. W.	4
Guildford Chamber of Trade	1
Hampton, Messrs.	1
Hart, Mr. H. G.	1
Hughesdon, Mr. J. C. ...	42
Lamotte, Mrs. W. de G. ...	48
Leeds University, Registrar	1
Liverpool University, Registrar	1
Loag, Mr. R.	1
London, Corporation of ...	1
London Directory Co.... ...	1
London School of Economics	1
Longstaff, Mr. F. V.	16
Longstaff, Col. Ll. W. ...	55
Marchmont, Mr. F.	2
Mather and Crowther, Messrs.	1
Maton, Mr. L. J....	12
Miland, Mrs.	2
Nash, Mr. V.	1
Newton, Mr. A. J.	1
Paton, Messrs. J. and J. ...	1
Preceptors, College of ...	1
Rogers, Mrs.	2
Rowbotham, Mr J. F. ...	1
Schwann, Mr. J. F.	1
Shann, Mr. G.	1
Sheldon, Mr. A. S.	4
Stiff, Mr E.	38
Swan Sonnenschein and Co., Messrs.	1
Swedenborgian Society ...	13
Thrupp, Mrs.	1
U.S.A. Bureau of Education	2
Union Press, Philadelphia ...	1
Voysey, Rev. C.	1
Walmesley, Miss...	18

DONORS OF PERIODICALS.

Apperson, Mr. G. L.—'Antiquary' (monthly).
Appleby, Mr. P.—'Church Times' (weekly).
Beatty, Mr. O. H.—'Star' (daily).
Collings, Mr. J. B.—"Catholic Fireside" (weekly).
Elliott, Sir C.—'Geographical Journal' (monthly), 'National Home Reading Union Magazines' (monthly).
High, Mr. A.—'Bookkeepers Record' (monthly).
Horsman, Mr. F. R.—'Fulham Times' (weekly).
Hutchins, Mr. H.—'Socialist Standard' (monthly).
Lacey, Mrs. Graham.—'White Ribbon' (monthly).
Longstaff, Col. Ll. W.—'Meteorological Journal' (quarterly).
Longstaff, Mr. F. V.—'Navy League Journal' (monthly).
Morrison, Mr. W. H.—'Ethical Review' (weekly).
Pearse, Mr. E. R.—'Free Russia' (monthly).
Peskett, Mr. L.—'Clarion' (weekly).
Social Democratic Federation. — 'Justice' (weekly), and 'Social Democrat' (monthly).
Stevens, Mr. J. B.—'National Deposit Friendly Society's Magazine.'
Townsend, Mr. J., J.P. — 'Christian' (weekly), 'Church Missionary Intelligencer,' and 'Home Gazette' (monthly).
Trim, Mr. E.—'Wimbledon Directory' (annually).

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

Cooper, Mr. C. H.	Three fossil shells.
Copeland, Mr. H. v.d. B.	Frame for map of Surrey.
Decimal Association	Chart of metric system.
Hammond, Mr. E.	A stuffed water-rail.
Johnston, Miss	Ten specimens of minerals.
Jones, Mr.	Picture of Coronation ceremony.
Lacey, Mr. G. Graham	Nigerian curios.
Nicholson, Mrs.	Saw fish.
Wynn, Mr. P.	Case of stuffed pike.

General Table.

Total issue to Borrowers and Readers.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics, and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography, and Travels.	Fiction.	Juvenile.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
April ...	21	456	195	202	1174	423	864	6180	979	10473	499
May ..	24½	468	186	168	1216	449	884	6044	978	10393	352
June ...	23	385	196	140	1066	412	828	5641	858	9526	414
July ...	21½	278	116	100	682	258	630	3847	534	6455	300
August ...	14½	211	105	97	521	201	448	2838	444	4865	334
September ...	24	362	161	182	1232	430	880	5672	788	9697	404
October ...	24	441	180	224	1412	483	1045	6452	889	11126	464
November ...	23	477	173	234	1500	491	1017	6552	976	11420	496
December ...	22	404	158	248	1380	427	1023	6098	1003	10741	488
January ...	24	416	205	274	1576	523	1134	6689	1248	12065	502
February ...	21½	458	184	285	1440	469	1105	6048	1089	11078	351
March ...	25	484	275	302	1756	554	1301	6698	1150	12510	500
TOTALS...	268	4840	2134	2456	14955	5120	11159	68759	10936	120359	449

Table of Issues, Lending Library.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics, and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography, and Travels.	Fiction.	Juvenile Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
April ...	21	156	143	95	575	291	537	6180	979	8956	426·47
May ...	24½	120	123	74	518	309	559	6044	978	8725	356·12
June ...	23	110	126	69	466	291	503	5641	858	8064	350·60
July ...	21½	64	73	46	294	166	395	3847	534	5419	252·56
August ...	14½	41	51	34	240	131	248	2838	444	4027	277·72
September...	24	103	120	74	613	288	567	5672	788	8225	342·70
October ...	24	132	137	70	625	315	704	6452	889	9324	388·70
November ..	23	121	130	74	642	350	664	6552	976	9509	413·43
December...	22	120	122	95	675	313	688	6098	1003	9114	414·27
January ...	24	152	149	133	766	317	770	6689	1248	10224	426
February...	21½	144	147	129	738	320	787	6048	1089	9402	437·30
March ...	25	143	239	131	858	382	958	6698	1150	10556	422·24
TOTALS...	268	1406	1560	1024	7010	3473	7377	68759	10936	101545	378·89

Table of Issues, Reference Library.

Month.	Days Open	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics, and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography, and Travel.	Total.	Daily Average.	Readers.	Readers Average.
April ...	21	300	52	107	599	132	327	1517	70·55	1087	50·55
May ...	24½	348	63	94	698	140	325	1668	68·08	1202	49·61
June ...	23	275	70	71	600	121	325	1462	63·56	1050	45·65
July ...	21½	214	43	54	388	92	235	1036	46·18	785	34 88
August ...	14½	170	54	63	281	70	200	838	57·91	627	43 24
September ...	24	259	41	108	619	142	313	1482	61·41	1127	47
October ...	24	309	43	154	787	168	341	1802	75·08	1411	59
November ...	23	356	43	160	858	141	353	1911	83·08	1285	55
December ...	22	284	36	153	705	114	335	1627	73·95	1078	49
January ...	24	264	56	141	810	206	364	1841	77	1162	48
February ...	21½	314	37	156	702	149	318	1676	77·95	1074	47
March ...	25	341	36	171	898	172	346	1954	78·16	1300	52
TOTALS...	268	3434	574	1436	7941	1647	3782	18814	70·20	13198	49·24

TABLE

Showing the Total Annual Issue of Volumes since the Opening of the Library.

1887-8	Lending Library four months only	37,344
1888-9	... ...	91,306
1889-90	... ...	89,372
1890-1	.. ..	83,208
1891-2	... ...	83,186
1892-3	... ...	84,885
1893-4	.. ..	87,068
1894-5	... ...	90,101
1895-6	... ...	81,290
1896-7	... ...	78,492
1897-8	... ...	87,017
1898-9	.. ..	90,438
1899-1900	.. ..	96,149
1900-1	... ...	106,936
1901-2	... ...	108,003
1902-3	... ...	111,268
1903-4	... ...	115,657
1904-5	... ...	111,048
1905-6	... ...	120,359
	TOTAL	1,754,027

STOCK.

	Lending	Reference.
General Works and Magazines ...	274 ...	2 403
Theology and Philosophy	736 ...	78
Law, Politics, and Commerce	388 ...	771
Arts and Sciences	1,324 ...	1,245
Literature	1,024 ...	404
History, Biography, and Travels ...	2,411 ...	1,092
Fiction	2,864	
Juvenile Literature	581	
Duplicates...	465	
	10,067 ...	5,993
	16,060	

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	27
Actors and Actresses	9
Agents	25
Architects, Draughtsmen, and Surveyors	44
Artists and Designers ...	20
Authors	2
Bakers and Confectioners ...	15
Bank Officials	19
Barristers	8
Bootmakers	6
Builders, Bricklayers, and Carpenters	46
Butchers	19
Chauffeurs	2
Chemists	12
Civil Servants	49
Clergymen	15
Clerks and Bookkeepers ...	410
Coachbuilders	6
Collectors	5
Commercial Travellers ...	39
Dairymen	2
Dentists	5
Doctors	17
Domestic Servants	96
Drapers and Assistants ...	29
Dressmakers and Milliners	55
Dyers and Cleaners	4
Electricians	15
Engineers	42
Engravers	8
Farriers and Blacksmiths ...	3
Gardeners	13
Grocers and Assistants ...	30
Hairdressers	8
Inspectors	5
Ironmongers	9
Jewellers and Watchmakers	15
Journalists and Reporters ...	31
Laundrymen	4
Licensed Victuallers	5
Managers and Manageresses	25
Merchants and Manufacturers	34
Military	14
Miscellaneous Assistants ...	54
Musicians	15
Nurserymen and Florists ...	7
Nurses	18
Oilman	1
Painters and Decorators ...	27
Photographers	7
Plumbers	8
Police	2
Postmen	24
Printers and Compositors ...	25
Public Officials	4
Publishers	5
Railway Servants	16
Saddlers and Harness Makers	4
Salesmen	14
Scholars and Students ...	231
Schoolmasters, Schoolmistresses and Teachers ...	151
Scientist	1
Secretaries	16
Shorthandwriters and Typists	10
Solicitors	22
Stationers and Booksellers ...	10
Stockbrokers	6
Tailors	14
Telegraphists	7
Telegraph Messengers ...	15
Tobacconists	5
Trades, Various (1 each) ...	41
Waiters and Waitresses ...	4
Warehousemen	16
Not stated (Chiefly wives and daughters of Burgesses	1484
	3,521

Ratepayers	1,007
Non-Ratepayers	2,514
	3,521

SEXES.

Males	1,715
Females	1,806
	3,521

AGES.

Under 20	768
,, 30	630
,, 40	455
,, 50	229
,, 60	122
Over 60	57
Not stated	1,260
	3,521

WARDS.

Cottenham Park	315
Dundonald	502
St. John's	665
St. Mary's	626
South Park	765
Trinity	648
	3,521

IST OF NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS, ETC.

TAKEN IN THE LIBRARY.

Those marked thus * are presented by the Publishers and others.

DAILIES.

)aily Chronicle (2 copies)
)aily Graphic
)aily News
)aily Telegraph (2 copies)
Evening Standard and St. James's [Gazette
Globe
Morning Post
Pall Mall Gazette
Standard
Star
Times (2 copies)
Westminster Gazette

WEEKLIES.

Architect
Athenæum
Banner of Israel
Black and White
Braille Weekly
British Architect
Broad Arrow
Builder
Canada
Canadian Gazette
Catholic Fireside
Christian
Christian Globe
Christian World
Church Times
Civilian
Civil Service Aspirant
Civil Service Weekly
Clarion
County Gentleman and Land and Water
Croydon Citizen
*Croydon Guardian
Economist
Electrical Review
Engineering
*English Churchman
English Mechanic
Era
*Ethical Review
Exchange and Mart (thrice weekly)
Field
Focus
*Fulham Times
Gardeners' Chronicle
*Good Tidings
Graphic
Guardian
Illustrated London News
*Illustrated Journal of Patents
*Insurance Record
*Jewish World
*Justice
Lady
Lady's Pictorial
*Laundry Journal
*Licensing World
*Local Government Journal
*London Argus
*Middlesex County Times
*Modern Society
Nature
*News of the World
*Norwood News
Notes and Queries
*Phonetic Journal
Punch
*Putney and Wandsworth Boro' News

Queen
*Richmond and Twickenham Times
*Richmond Herald
Saturday Review
Sketch
Speaker
Spectator
*Surrey Advertiser
*Surrey Comet (4 copies)
*Surrey Times
*Timber Trades Journal
United Service Gazette
*University Correspondent (bi-weekly)
*Wimbledon Gazette (4 copies)
*Wimbledon Herald (4 copies)
*Wimbledon Borough News
World (4 copies)

MONTHLIES.

*Anglo-Russian
*Antiquary
*Anti-Slavery Reporter
*Arms and Explosives
Blackwood's Magazine
*Bookkeepers Record
Boy's Own Paper
Burlington Magazine
Cassell's Magazine
Cassier's Magazine
Century Magazine
Chambers's Journal
*Church Missionary Intelligencer
*Church of England Gazette
*Circle
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
*Deceased Seamen
*Educational Times
English Illustrated Magazine
*Food and Cookery
Fortnightly Review
*Free Russia
*Free Trader
*Geographical Journal
Girl's Own Paper
*Great Western Railway Magazine
Harper's Magazine
*Herald of Health
*Herald of the Cross
*Herald of the Golden Age
*Home Gazette
*Illustrated Temperance Monthly
Independent Review
*Insurance Agent
*Journal of Education
*Kennel Gazette
Knowledge
Literary World
Macmillan's Magazine
Month
Monthly Review
Musical Times
*National Church
*National Deposit Friendly Society's Magazine
*Navy League Journal
*New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century
*Our Waifs and Strays
*Outlook
Pall Mall Magazine
*Parents' Review
*Patents
Pearson's Magazine
*Philanthropist
Practical Photographer
*Prohibitionist
Quiver
Review of Reviews
*Social Democrat
*Socialist Standard
*State Correspondent
Strand Magazine
Studio
Sunday at Home
T. P's Weekly
*Tailor and Cutter
Temple Bar
*Toilers of the Deep
*Tuberculosis
*Union Observer
*Vaccination Inquirer

*War or Brotherhood
*White Ribbon
*Wimbledon Parish Magazine
Windsor Magazine
World's Work
*Zoophilist

QUARTERLIES.

Art Workers' Quarterly
*Educational Record
*Englishwoman's Review
*Faraday House Journal
*Meteorological Journal
*Travel

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

A.B.C.
Bradshaw
Bradshaw's Continental
*Caledonian
*Cook's Travellers' Gazette
*District Railway
*Great Central
*Great Eastern
*Great Northern
*Great Western
*London, Brighton and South Coast
*London and South Western
*Metropolitan
*Midland
*North Western
*South Eastern

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REPORT

OF THE

WIMBLEDON PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

For the Year ended March 31st, 1907.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wimbledon.

Gentlemen,

The Committee have pleasure in presenting their Twentieth Annual Report.

The stock of the Library now numbers 17,490 volumes, as against 16,060 last year. The Lending Library contains 10,581 volumes, an increase of 514 volumes; and the Reference Library 6,909 books and pamphlets, an increase of 916 volumes.

The total issues for the year were 123,579, which show an increase of 3,220. Of this total 103,365 were issued from the Lending Library, and 20,214 in the Reference Library. In the Lending Library there was

an increase of 2,412 in the issues of non-Fiction, and a decrease of 592 in the issues of Fiction and Juvenile Works. In the Reference Library the number of visits recorded was 14,115, an increase of 917; and there was an increase of 1,400 in the number of works consulted.

Special attention was given during the year to the stock of the Reference Library, and many important additions were made in all sections, thereby increasing the value and usefulness of this department. Among the more notable books added, particular attention may be drawn to the following, viz :—

Religion—

Expositors' "Greek New Testament," Cheyne's "Encyclopædia Biblica," Hasting's "Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels" (in progress), *Strype's "Annals of the Reformation" (first edition), and a complete set of the "Cambridge Bible."

Philology—

"Oxford English Dictionary" (in progress), Wright's "English Dialect Dictionary," "Dictionnaire de l'Académie Française," Flügel's "Universal German Dictionary," Modern Spanish and Italian Dictionaries, and Grammars of various languages.

Science—

Thorpe's "Dictionary of Applied Chemistry," Daniell's "Principles of Physics," Preston's "Light," Preston's "Heat," Cotterill's "Applied Mechanics," Lanza's "Applied Mechanics," DuBois' "Mechanics of Engineering," Chrystal's "Algebra," and standard text books in all branches of science.

Art—

Caldicott's "Values of Old Silver and Sheffield Plate,"

Maskell's "Ivories," Cruikshank's "Water Colours," and Thomson's "Anatomy for Art Students."

Literature—

Saintsbury's "Periods of European Literature," Histories of Literature, complete sets of Poetical Works, including Alfred Austen, Sir Edwin Arnold, William Morris and A. C. Swinburne; Skeat's edition of Chaucer, Wright's edition of Shakespeare, and Macmillan's Classical Library.

History and Biography—

Justin Winsor's "History of America," Mommsen's "History of Rome," Burton's "History of Scotland," *"Biographia Britannia" (first edition), *Crevier's "Roman Emperors," Sloane's "Life of Napoleon."

The works marked with an asterisk were presented, and the others purchased.

The following table compares the classes of literature read now with those read during the first complete year of the Library's work, with those of the middle period (1898-9), and with those of 1905-6. In the first two periods the Fiction and Juvenile issues were combined.

Class.	1888-9		1898-9.		1905-6.		1906-7.	
	Issue.	Per cent.	Issue.	Per cent.	Issue.	Per cent.	Issue.	Per cent,
General Works and Magazines ...			669	0·74	4,840	4·02	4,021	3·23
Theology and Philosophy ...	1,170	1·28	1,061	1·17	2,134	1·77	2,385	1·91
Law, Politics and Commerce ...	246	0·27	281	0·31	2,456	2·04	2,628	2·10
Arts and Sciences	3,815	4·22	4,335	4·79	14,955	12·43	17,756	14·32
Literature	6,351	6·94	3,449	3·81	5,120	4·25	5,811	4·68
History, Biography and Travels ...	7,510	8·23	5,809	6·43	11,159	9·27	11,875	9·62
Fiction	72,214	79·06	74,834	82·75	68,759	57·13	68,318	55·29
Juvenile Works ...					10,936	9·09	10,785	8·85
Totals ...	91,306	100·00	90,438	100·00	120,359	100·	123,579	100·00

The number of ordinary tickets issued to borrowers was 3,611, an increase of 90. In addition, 456 Students' Tickets were issued, an increase of 76.

A census of the attendance at the Reading Room taken during the year shows that there are on an average 1,503 persons daily using the room. The Sunday attendance during the summer months averaged 198, and during the winter months 231.

Two long reading-stands were purchased for the news room, to accommodate 20 newspapers, and a light was fitted over each paper. These stands replace the old single slopes, and add considerably to the comfort of newspaper readers.

The number of books added amounted to 1,430, of which 1,074 were purchased, and 356 presented.

Two numbers of the Quarterly List of Books added to the Library were published. Besides containing a list of additions, the January number included select lists of books on subjects taught at the Technical Institute.

Three books were unaccounted for at the Annual Stocktaking. One was lost by default, and ten were lost and paid for by borrowers.

Many books were withdrawn during the year and, where necessary, were replaced by new copies.

As in former years, special lists of books on subjects

of current interest were prepared and posted in the building. When possible, future lists will be published in the Quarterly pamphlet.

The gifts of books and periodicals were numerous. A list of donors will be found in the appendix.

The question of the obliteration of betting news from the daily newspapers was again considered, and it was decided to black out the betting odds.

The Committee are anxious to collect material relating to the history of the Borough and Surrey generally. They would be glad to receive prints, photographs, or printed matter relating to the Town or County.

The receipts, together with the balance of £188 10s. 10d., amounted to £1,963 19s. 2d., and the expenditure to £1,710 4s. 9d., leaving a balance in favour of the Committee of £253 14s. 5d.

Financial statements and the usual statistical tables are appended.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY V.D.B. COPELAND,
Chairman.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1907.

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
ESTABLISHMENT—		
Light and Fuel	81 10 4	
Miscellaneous	196 2 1	
		277 12 5
Salaries and Wages		561 14 10
Books, Binding and Periodicals ...		465 8 7
Rates and Taxes		6 6 8
LOANS :—		
Instalments	195 6 6	
Interest	203 15 9	
		399 2 3
Balance		253 14 5
		£1,963 19 2

INCOME.

	£ s. d.
Balance	188 10 10
Rate	1,623 0 0
Fines, Sale of Catalogues, etc.	79 12 10
Rents	2 2 0
Amount paid by Westminster Fire Office on Septennial Fire Policy on the winding up that office	70 13 6
	£1,963 19 2

BALANCE ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treasurer (Income Account) ...	247 15 7	
Librarian (Wages and Petty Cash)	5 18 10	
		253 14 5
Extension Works		2,773 15 8
Site Loan		1,185 16 11
Building Works		1,074 19 6
Completion Works		150 13 9
		£5,439 0 3

	£ s. d.
Prudential Assurance Company	2,260 16 5
Liverpool Victoria Legal Friendly Society ...	150 13 9
Corporation of Huddersfield	2,773 15 8
General Account	253 14 5
	£5,439 0 3

DONORS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, ETC.

Aberdeen University, Registrar ... 1
Accountants, Central Association of 1
Agriculture, Board of 1
Apperson, Mr. Alderman G. L. ... 21
Anonymous 10
Bramston, Sir John 2
British Museum Trustees 5
Collingwood Bros., Messrs. ... 1
Dublin University, Registrar ... 2
Elliott, Sir Charles 1
Evans, Mr. Richardson 87
Fox, Mr. Francis 1
Furness, Mr. Harold 1
Hart, Mr. G.... 2
Hodgson, Mr. C. R. 1
Hughesdon, Mr. J. C. 12
James, Mrs. 30
King, Mrs. G. Farquharson ... 101
Leeds University, Registrar ... 1
Liverpool University, Registrar ... 1
London Directory Co. 2
Longstaff, Mr. F. V. 16
Longstaff, Col. Ll. W. 79
Longstaff, Mr. T. G. 1
Macdonald, Messrs. & Co. ... 3
Mason, Miss 2
Miland, Mrs. 2
Morris, Miss 1
New Zealand, High Commissioner for 27
Paton, Messrs. J. and J. ... 1
Poulter, Rev. J. F. 1
Pratt, Mr. E. A. 1
Punchard, Mr. A. J. C. 1
Pyall, Mrs. 11
St. Louis Exhibition, Royal Commission for 1
Schwann, Mr. J. F. 52
Shaen, Miss 81
Sheldon, Mr. A. S. 1
Smith, Miss Douglas 2
Sullock, Mr. A. S. 4
Thrupp, Mrs. 1
U.S.A. Bureau of Education ... 2
Western Australia, Agent General for 1
Wilkinson, Mr. G. 1
Willson, Mr. S. 1

DONORS OF PERIODICALS.

Apperson, Mr. Alderman—'Antiquary' (monthly).

Appleby, Mr. P.—'Church Times' (weekly).

Elliott, Sir C.—'Geographical Journal' (monthly), and 'National Home Reading Union Magazines' (monthly)

High, Mr. A.—'Bookkeepers' Record' (monthly).

Horsman, Mr. F. R.—'Fulham Times' (weekly).

Hutchins, Mr. H.—'Socialist Standard' (monthly).

Lacey, Mrs. Graham—'White Ribbon' (monthly).

Longstaff, Col. Ll. W.—'Meteorological Journal' (quarterly).

Longstaff, Mr. F. V.—'Navy League Journal' (monthly).

Peskett, Mr. L.—'Clarion' (weekly).

Social Democratic Federation—'Justice' (weekly), and 'Social Democrat' (monthly).

Stevens, Mr. J. B.—'National Deposit Friendly Society's Magazine'

Townsend, Mr. J., J.P.—'Christian' (weekly), 'Church Missionary Intelligencer,' and 'Home Gazette' (monthly).

Trim, Messrs. E. & Co.—Wimbledon Directory (2 copies annually).

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

Blake, Mr. E.	Collection of butterflies, etc.
Cooper, Mr. C. H.	Plan of conduits for supplying water to Hampton Court Palace.
Ellis, Mr. H. M.	Nine framed prints of the Lords of the Manor of Wimbledon.
Sheldon, Mr. A. S.	Map of Surrey and View of Wimbledon House.

General Table.

Total issue to Borrowers and Readers.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography and Travels.	Fiction.	Juvenile.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
April ...	22	362	177	243	1374	416	986	5225	905	9688	440
May ...	24½	371	152	225	1470	460	1102	5457	939	10176	415
June ...	23	357	182	233	1256	407	943	5182	840	9400	409
July ...	23	281	157	178	1078	315	734	4111	665	7519	327
August ...	13	124	68	101	649	199	422	2772	438	4773	367
September ...	23	285	167	193	1379	434	929	5999	914	10300	448
October ...	24½	366	273	250	1909	678	1117	6477	990	12060	492
November ...	24	383	265	283	1920	650	1218	7070	1107	12896	537
December ...	21½	315	208	235	1623	532	1006	6215	955	11089	516
January ...	24½	390	251	232	1737	553	1193	6617	1091	12064	492
February ...	22	397	264	235	1655	588	1110	6650	974	11873	540
March ...	22	390	221	220	1706	579	1115	6543	967	11741	534
Totals...	267	4021	2385	2628	17756	5811	11875	68318	10785	123579	463

Table of Issues, Lending Library.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography and Travels.	Fiction.	Juvenile Works.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
April ...	22	120	123	90	670	314	725	5225	905	8172	371
May ...	24½	95	119	80	733	298	763	5457	939	8484	346
June ...	23	87	125	71	599	290	672	5182	840	7866	342
July ...	23	69	104	54	470	171	467	4111	665	6111	266
August ...	13	36	55	35	283	129	277	2772	438	4025	310
September ...	23	88	124	70	660	286	628	5999	914	8769	381
October ...	24½	115	183	99	858	430	804	6477	990	9956	406
November ...	24	108	167	102	918	438	891	7070	1107	10801	450
December ...	21½	110	138	100	716	342	730	6215	955	9306	433
January ...	24½	130	148	96	750	383	809	6617	1091	10024	409
February ...	22	125	142	91	864	399	725	6650	974	9970	453
March ...	22	118	144	95	808	413	793	6543	967	9881	449
Totals...	267	1201	1572	983	8329	3893	8284	68318	10785	103365	387

Table of Issues, Reference Library.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography and Travels.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.	Readers.	Readers' Average.
April ...	22	242	54	153	704	102	261	1516	69	994	45
May ...	24½	276	33	145	737	162	339	1692	69	1159	47
June ...	23	270	57	162	657	117	271	1534	67	1094	43
July ...	23	212	53	124	608	144	267	1408	59	1057	44
August ...	13	88	13	66	366	70	145	748	58	583	44
September ...	23	197	43	123	719	148	301	1531	67	1215	52
October ...	24½	251	90	151	1051	248	313	2104	86	1559	64
November ...	24	275	98	181	1002	212	327	2095	87	1441	60
December ...	21½	205	70	135	907	190	276	1783	83	1149	53
January ..	24½	260	103	136	987	170	384	2040	83	1363	55
February ...	22	272	122	144	791	189	385	1903	86	1278	58
March ...	22	272	77	125	898	166	322	1860	85	1223	56
Totals...	267	2820	813	1645	9427	1918	3591	20214	76	14115	53

TABLE

Showing the Total Annual Issue of Volumes since the Opening of the Library.

1887-8 Lending Library four months only	37,344
1888-9	91,306
1889-90	89,372
1890-1	83,208
1891-2	83,186
1892-3	84,885
1893-4	87,068
1894-5	90,101
1895-6	81,290
1896-7	78,492
1897-8	87,017
1898-9	90,438
1899-1900	96,149
1900-1	106,936
1901-2	108,003
1902-3	111,268
1903-4	115,657
1904-5	111,048
1905-6	120,359
1906-7	123,579
TOTAL	1,877,606

STOCK.

	Lending.	Reference.
General Works and Magazines	285 ...	2,505
Theology and Philosophy	764 ...	150
Law, Politics and Commerce	407 ...	797
Arts and Sciences	1,412 ...	1,537
Literature	1,082 ...	590
History, Biography and Travels ...	2,549 ...	1,330
Fiction	3,014 ...	
Juvenile Literature	607 ...	
Duplicates	461 ...	
	10,581 ...	6,909
	17,490	

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	19
Actors and Actresses	2
Agents	24
Architects, Draughtsmen and Surveyors	25
Artists and Designers	16
Auctioneers	3
Authors	4
Bakers and Confectioners ...	12
Bank Officials	22
Barristers	6
Bookbinders	2
Bootmakers	4
Builders, Bricklayers and Carpenters	51
Butchers	9
Chemists	16
Civil Servants	59
Clergymen	11
Clerks and Book-keepers ...	315
Coachbuilders	9
Collectors	6
Commercial Travellers	38
Dairymen	2
Dentists	2
Doctors	12
Domestic Servants	57
Drapers and Assistants ...	26
Dressmakers and Milliners ...	28
Dyers and Cleaners	5
Electricians	15
Engineers	33
Engravers	4
Fishmongers and Poulterers ...	3
Gardeners	16
Grocers and Assistants	17
Hairdressers	5
Inspectors	2
Insurance Agents	12
Ironmongers	10
Jewellers and Watchmakers ...	11
Journalists and Reporters ..	27
Licensed Victuallers	5
Magistrates	2
Managers and Manageresses ...	26
Merchants and Manufacturers ...	29
Miscellaneous Assistants ...	32
Musicians	8
Naval and Military	17
Nurserymen and Florists ...	7
Nurses	29
Oilmen	4
Painters and Decorators ...	25
Photographers	5
Plumbers and Fitters	11
Police	3
Postal Officials	36
Printers and Compositors ...	41
Public Officials	9
Publishers	2
Railway Servants	18
Saddlers and Harness Makers ...	3
Salesmen	16
Scholars and Students	213
Schoolmasters, Schoolmistresses and Teachers	163
Scientists	3
Sculptors	1
Secretaries	20
Shorthand Writers and Typists	8
Solicitors	12
Stationers and Booksellers ...	7
Stockbrokers	4
Tailors and Outfitters	27
Tobacconists	2
Trades, various (one each) ...	21
Waiters and Waitresses ...	3
Warehousemen	5
Wheelwrights and Farriers ...	5
Not stated (chiefly wives and daughters of Burgesses) ...	1849
Total	3611

Ratepayers	1,029
Non-Ratepayers	2,582
	3,611

SEXES.

Males	1,734
Females	1,877
	3,611

AGES.

Under 20	850
,, 30	720
,, 40	537
,, 50	246
,, 60	129
Over 60	92
Not stated	1037
	3,611

WARDS.

Cottenham Park	310
Dundonald	480
St. John's	671
St. Mary's	618
South Park	1011
Trinity	521
	3,611

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS, ETC.,

TAKEN IN THE LIBRARY.

Those marked * are presented by the Publishers and others.

DAILIES.

Daily Chronicle (2 copies)
Daily Graphic
Daily News
Daily Telegraph (2 copies)
Evening Standard and St. James's Gazette
Globe
Morning Post
Pall Mall Gazette
Standard
Star
Times (2 copies)
Tribune
Westminster Gazette

WEEKLIES.

*Architect
Athenæum
Banner of Israel
Black and White
*British Architect
*Broad Arrow
Builder
Building News
*Canada
*Canadian Gazette
*Certificate Examiner
*Christian
*Christian Globe
Christian World
*Church Times
*Civil Service Aspirant
*Civil Service Candidate
*Civil Service Weekly
*Civilian
*Clarion
County Gentleman and Land and Water
Country Life
*Croydon Citizen
*Croydon Guardian
Daily Mail, edition for the Blind
Economist
*Electrical Engineering
Electrical Review
Engineering
*English Churchman
English Mechanic
Era
Exchange and Mart (thrice weekly)
Field
Focus
*Fulham Times
Gardeners' Chronicle
Graphic
Guardian
Illustrated London News
*Illustrated Journal of Patents
*Insurance Record
*Justice
Lady
Lady's Pictorial
*Laundry Journal
*Licensing World
*Local Government Journal
*London Argus
*Middlesex County Times
*Modern Society
Nation
Nature
*News of the World
*Norwood News
Notes and Queries
*Pitman's Journal
Punch
Queen
*Richmond and Twickenham Times
*Richmond Herald
Saturday Review
Schoolmaster
Schoolmistress
Sketch
Spectator
*Surrey Advertiser
*Surrey Comet (4 copies)
*Surrey Times
T. P's Weekly
*Timber Trades Journal
United Service Gazette
*University Correspondent (bi-weekly)
*Wimbledon Gazette (4 copies)
*Wimbledon Herald (4 copies)
*Wimbledon Borough News (4 copies)
World

Monthlies.

Albany Review
*Antiquary
*Anti-Slavery Reporter
*Arms and Explosives
Badminton Magazine
Blackwood's Magazine
Book-keeper's Record
Bookman
Boys' Own Paper
Burlington Magazine
Cassell's Magazine
Cassier's Magazine
Century Magazine
Chambers's Journal
*Church Missionary Review
*Church Gazette
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
*Deceased Seamen
*Educational Times
English Illustrated Magazine
*Food and Cookery
Fortnightly Review
*Geographical Journal
Girls' Own Paper
*Great Western Railway Magazine
Harper's Magazine
*Herald of Health
*Herald of the Cross
*Herald of the Golden Age
*Home Gazette
*Illustrated Temperance Monthly
*Insurance Agent
*Kennel Gazette
Knowledge
Literary World
Macmillan's Magazine
Month
Monthly Review
Musical Times
*National Church
*National Deposit Friendly Society's Magazine
*Navy League Journal
*New Church Magazine
Nineteenth Century and After
*Our Waifs and Strays
Pall Mall Magazine
*Parents' Review
*Patents
Pearson's Magazine
*Philanthropist
Practical Photographer
*Prohibitionist
Quiver
Review of Reviews
*Social Democrat
*Socialist Standard
*State Correspondent
Strand Magazine
Studio
Sunday at Home
*Tailor and Cutter
*Toilers of the Deep
*Traveller's Gazette
*Tuberculosis
*Vaccination Inquirer
*War or Brotherhood
*White Ribbon
*Wimbledon Parish Magazine
Windsor Magazine
World's Work
*Zoophilist

Quarterlies.

Army List
Art Workers' Quarterly
*Educational Record
*Englishwoman's Review
*Faraday House Journal
*Meteorological Journal
Quarterly Review

Railway Time Tables.

A. B. C.
Bradshaw
Bradshaw's Continental
Caledonian
Great Central
Great Eastern
Great Northern
Great Western
London, Brighton and South Coast
London and North Western
London and South Western
Metropolitan
Midland
South Eastern and Chatham

WIMBLEDON

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TWENTY-FIRST

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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APRIL, 1907, TO MARCH, 1908.

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KINGSTON-ON-THAMES AND WIMBLEDON.

1908.

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REPORT

OF THE

WIMBLEDON PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

For the Year ended March 31st, 1908.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wimbledon.

Gentlemen,

The Committee have pleasure in presenting their Twenty-first Annual Report.

The stock of the Library now numbers 18,912 volumes, as against 17,490 last year. The Lending Library contains 11,654 volumes, an increase of 1,073 volumes; and the Reference Library 7,258 books and pamphlets, an increase of 349 volumes. Of the books added 1,156 were purchased, and 266 presented.

The total issues for the year were 133,374, which show an increase of 9,795. Of this total 111,509 were issued from the Lending Library, and 21,865 in the Reference Library. The Lending Library issues were 8,144 more than last year. In the Reference Library the number of visits recorded was 16,423, an

increase of 2,308, and there was an increase of 1,651 in the number of works consulted. These figures do not include Directories and Annuals which are placed in the newsroom.

The number of ordinary tickets issued to borrowers was 3,660, an increase of 49. In addition 583 Students' Tickets were issued, an increase of 127.

In consequence of the increased number of readers the stock of standard Fiction was found to be inadequate. To remedy this duplicates of 306 of the works of recognised authors were purchased.

The following table compares the classes of literature read now with those read during the first complete year of the Library's work, with those of the middle period (1898-9), and with those of 1906-7. In the first two periods the Fiction and Juvenile issues were combined.

Class.	1888-9.		1898-9.		1906-7.		1907-8.	
	Issue.	Per cent.	Issue.	Per cent.	Issue.	Per cent.	Issue.	Per cent.
General Works and Magazines ...			669	0·74	4,021	3·23	3,624	2·70
Theology and Philosophy ...	1,170	1·28	1,061	1·17	2,385	1·91	2,313	1·74
Law, Politics and Commerce	246	0·27	281	0·31	2,628	2·10	2,834	2·13
Arts and Sciences...	3,815	4·22	4,335	4·79	17,756	14·32	19,590	14·69
Literature	6,351	6·94	3,449	3·81	5,811	4·68	6,558	4·93
History, Biography and Travels ...	7,510	8·23	5,809	6·43	11,875	9·62	13,879	10·40
Fiction	72,214	79·06	74,834	82·75	68,318	55·29	74,667	55·98
Juvenile Works ...					10,785	8·85	9,909	7·43
Totals ...	91,306	100·00	90,438	100·00	123,579	100·00	133,374	100·00

327 Worn-out books withdrawn from circulation were replaced by new copies.

Four books were unaccounted for at the Annual Stocktaking, three were lost by default, and twelve were lost and paid for by borrowers.

A census of the attendance at the Reading Room taken during the year shows that there are on an average 1,557 persons daily using the room. The Sunday attendance during the summer months averaged 200, and during the winter months 217. To add to the accommodation and to improve the appearance of the room five new tables were purchased during the year.

The lighting of the Library was considerably improved by fitting Osram lamps of greater candle power.

A new double book stack was purchased for the Lending Library to accommodate the increased stock.

The issue of the Quarterly List of Books added to the Library was continued.

In July the Borough Council granted two rooms in Wandle Park House for use as Reading Rooms. These rooms were furnished by the Committee and provided with ten newspapers and 21 magazines and periodicals. The average daily attendance has been 55.

The gifts of books and periodicals were numerous. A list of donors will be found in the appendix.

The Library contains a small collection of local prints and printed matter. The Committee would be glad to receive copies of prints and photographs to enlarge the collection.

At a conference between the Education Committee and the Library Committee held in January it was decided to organise a system of school libraries. The cost of these Libraries is borne by the Education Committee, and they are governed by a Committee composed of members of the Library Committee, the Education Committee, and the Teachers. Your Librarian was appointed Librarian to the Joint Committee and the work of organisation was undertaken by him and his staff. The number of books in the Libraries to date is 936, and the number issued during the two terms, September to March, was 12,529.

The receipts, together with the balance of £253 14s. 5d., amounted to £2,000 3s. 4d., and the expenditure to £1,867 9s. 8d., leaving a balance in favour of the Committee of £132 13s. 8d.

Financial statements and the usual statistical tables are appended.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

OCTAVIUS BEATTY,

Chairman.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31st, 1908.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
ESTABLISHMENT—						
Light and Fuel	147	5	1			
Miscellaneous	172	8	11			
				319	14	0
Salaries				626	1	4
Books and Periodicals				515	15	5
Rates and Taxes				6	16	8
LOANS—						
Instalments	202	17	10			
Interest	196	4	5			
				399	2	3
Balance				132	13	8
				£2,000	3	4

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Balance	253	14	5
Rate	1,670	0	0
Fines, Sale of Catalogues, etc.	74	6	11
Rents	2	2	0
	£2,000	3	4

BALANCE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Treasurer (Income Account) ...	121	15	0			
Librarian (Wages and Petty Cash)	10	18	8			
				132	13	8
Extension Works				2,706	2	0
Site Loan				1,163	9	2
Building Works				973	8	0
Completion Works				139	8	10
				£5,115	1	8

	£	s.	d.
General Account	132	13	8
Prudential Assurance Co.	2,136	17	2
Liverpool Victoria Legal Friendly Society ...	139	8	10
Corporation of Huddersfield	2,706	2	0
	£5,115	1	8

DONORS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, ETC.

Anonymous	4
Apperson, Mr. Alderman G. L.	48
Bathgate, Mr. Councillor J. M.	107
Bell, Miss	17
Bramston, Sir John	11
British Museum Trustees ...	4
Dublin University, Registrar	2
Elliott, Sir Charles	2
Evans, Miss E. Richardson ...	6
Firth, Mr	25
Folkard, Mr. H. T.	1
Guildford Corporation	1
Hampton, Messrs. & Sons ...	1
Hill, Mr. J. H.	2
Holland, Mr. Alderman A. ...	11
Kershaw, Mr. S. W.	1
King, Mrs. G. Farquharson ...	32
Leeds University, Registrar ...	2
Liverpool University, Registrar	1
London University, Registrar	1
Longstaff, Mr. F. V.	8
Longstaff, Mr. G. C.	13
Longstaff, Col. Ll. W.	64
Mather and Crowther, Messrs.	1
Miland, Mrs.	2
Paton, Messrs. J. and J. ...	1
Pearson, Mr. A. A.	14
Personal Rights Association ...	2
Pratt, Mr. E. A.	1
Preceptors, College of	1
Pritchard, Miss A.	1
Scholastic Agency	1
Schooling, Mr. J. H.	1
Seal, Mr. H.	1
Stubbs Publishing Co. ...	1
Teachers, National Union of ...	1
Thrupp, Mrs.	1
Trim, Messrs. E., & Co. ...	2
U.S.A. Bureau of Education	2
University Correspondence College	1
Watkins, Messrs. & Co. ...	1
Welch, Mrs.	3
Whitaker, Messrs. & Sons ...	1
Wilkerson, Mr. A. H.	1

DONORS OF PERIODICALS.

Apperson, Mr. Alderman G. L.—'Antiquary' (monthly).

Appleby, Mr. P.—'Church Times' (weekly), 'Our Waifs and Strays' (monthly).

Blackman, Mr. A.—'National Deposit Friendly Society's Magazine' (monthly).

Boston, Mr. E. N.—'Trade Protection Journal' (monthly).

Elliott, Sir Charles—'Geographical Journal' (monthly).

Greening, Mr. E. O.—'Agricultural Economist' (monthly).

Hargreve, Miss C.—'Theosophical Quarterly.'

High, Mr. A.—'Bookkeepers' Record" (monthly), 'Accountants' Record' (monthly).

Holden, Mr. H.—'Footsteps' (monthly).

Horsman, Mr. F. R.—'Fulham Times' (weekly).

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Townsend, Mr. J., J.P.—'Christian' (weekly), 'Church Missionary Review (monthly), 'Home Gazette' (monthly).

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

Lindner, Mr. E.	Giant Sea Gull.
Snell, Mrs.	Collection of Australian Ferns.

General Table.

Total Issue to Borrowers and Readers.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics, and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography and Travels.	Fiction.	Juvenile Works.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
April ...	23	359	200	262	1725	615	1172	6385	1064	11782	512
May	22½	290	120	180	1492	502	1090	5959	806	10439	464
June ...	23	227	187	133	1273	489	976	5497	766	9548	415
July ...	24	250	176	165	1254	455	946	4487	578	8311	346
August ...	14	139	68	119	785	217	528	3217	409	5482	391
September	23	268	173	231	1544	421	1092	5899	775	10403	452
October ...	24½	300	182	298	1950	573	1302	7023	846	12474	509
November ...	24	358	278	324	1953	700	1370	7013	859	12855	536
December ...	22½	373	238	229	1787	584	1181	6662	843	11897	529
January ...	24½	363	191	237	1872	634	1308	7193	1029	12827	524
February ...	23	386	250	337	1911	650	1431	7542	994	13501	587
March ...	24	311	250	319	2044	718	1483	7790	940	13855	577
Totals ...	272	3624	2313	2834	19590	6558	13879	74667	9909	133374	490

Table of Issues, Lending Library.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography and Travels.	Fiction.	Juvenile Works.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
April ...	23	113	122	98	844	404	791	6385	1064	9821	427
May	22½	94	98	91	758	384	744	5959	806	8934	397
June ...	23	86	129	75	670	366	692	5497	766	8281	360
July ...	24	49	90	57	464	281	510	4487	578	6516	271
August ...	14	35	47	42	359	154	319	3217	409	4582	327
September	23	81	137	96	773	286	717	5899	775	8764	381
October ...	24½	69	131	124	939	401	856	7023	846	10389	424
November ...	24	75	179	174	896	434	908	7013	859	10538	439
December ...	22½	126	151	116	848	371	782	6662	843	9899	440
January ...	24½	110	151	101	853	394	872	7193	1029	10703	437
February ..	23	93	146	150	979	456	977	7542	994	11337	493
March ...	24	58	179	148	1100	494	1036	7790	940	11745	489
Totals ...	272	989	1560	1272	9483	4425	9204	74667	9909	111509	410

Table of Issues, Reference Library.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography and Travels.	Total.	Daily Average.	Readers.	Readers' Average.
April ...	23	246	78	164	881	211	381	1961	85	1309	57
May ...	22½	196	22	89	734	118	346	1505	67	1023	45
June ...	23	141	58	58	603	123	284	1267	55	907	39
July ...	24	201	86	108	790	174	436	1795	73	1155	47
August ...	14	104	21	77	426	63	209	900	64	646	46
September...	23	187	36	135	771	135	375	1639	71	1154	50
October ...	24½	231	51	174	1011	172	446	2085	85	1391	57
November ...	24	283	99	150	1057	266	462	2317	97	1607	67
December ...	22½	247	87	113	939	213	399	1998	89	1495	66
January ...	24½	253	40	136	1019	240	436	2124	87	1508	62
February ...	23	293	104	187	932	194	454	2164	94	1678	73
March ...	24	253	71	171	944	224	447	2110	88	1550	63
Totals ...	272	2635	753	1562	10107	2133	4675	21865	79	16423	60

TABLE

Showing the Total Annual Issue of Volumes since the Opening of the Library.

1887-8 (Lending Library four months only)	37,344
1888-9	91,306
1889-90	89,372
1890-1	83,208
1891-2	83,186
1892-3	84,885
1893-4	87,068
1894-5	90,101
1895-6	81,290
1896-7	78,492
1897-8	87,017
1898-9	90,438
1899-1900	96,149
1900-1	106,936
1901-2	108,003
1902-3	111,268
1903-4	115,657
1904-5	111,048
1905-6	120,359
1906-7	123,579
1907-8	133,374
TOTAL	2,010,980

STOCK.

	Lending.	Reference.
General Works and Magazines ...	294 ...	2,535
Theology and Philosophy	803 ...	158
Law, Politics and Commerce	446 ...	818
Arts and Sciences	1,605 ...	1,625
Literature	1,170 ...	634
History, Biography and Travels ...	2,755 ...	1,488
Fiction	3,487 ...	
Juvenile Literature	644 ...	
Duplicates	450 ...	
	11,654 ...	7,258
	18,912	

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	16
Actors and Actresses ...	6
Agents	27
Architects, Draughtsmen, and Surveyors	37
Artists and Designers ...	21
Auctioneers	2
Authors	2
Bakers and Confectioners ...	20
Bank Officials...	23
Barristers	9
Bookbinders	2
Bootmakers	6
Bricklayers, Builders and Carpenters	50
Butchers	16
Chemists	14
Civil Servants...	58
Clergymen	8
Clerks and Book-keepers ...	321
Coachbuilders	8
Collectors	9
Commercial Travellers ...	37
Cycle and Motor Repairers...	9
Dairymen	9
Dentists	2
Doctors...	14
Domestic Servants	60
Drapers and Assistants ...	33
Dressmakers and Milliners ...	32
Dyers and Cleaners	5
Electricians	20
Engineers	49
Engravers and Sculptors ...	6
Farriers and Wheelrights ...	2
Fishmongers and Poulterers	3
Fruiterers and Greengrocers	2
Gardeners	17
Grocers and Assistants ...	16
Hairdressers	5
Inspectors	3
Insurance	13
Ironmongers	4
Jewellers and Watchmakers	12
Journalists and Reporters ...	20
Licensed Victuallers... ...	2
Managers and Manageresses	15
Merchants and Manufacturers	18
Miscellaneous Assistants ...	38
Musicians	19
Naval and Military	19
Nurserymen and Florists ...	8
Nurses	22
Oilmen	3
Painters and Decorators ...	18
Photographers	9
Plumbers and Fitters ...	6
Police	5
Postal Officials	32
Printers and Compositors ...	21
Public Officials	16
Publishers	4
Railway Servants	14
Saddlers and Harness Makers	3
Salesmen	11
Scholars and Students ...	216
Schoolmasters, Schoolmistresses and Teachers ...	157
Secretaries	28
Shorthand Writers and Typists	10
Solicitors	10
Stationers and Booksellers ...	4
Stockbrokers	9
Tailors and Outfitters ...	20
Tobacconists and Newsagents	3
Trades, various (one each) ...	22
Waiters and Waitresses ...	3
Warehousemen	9
Not stated (chiefly wives and daughters of Burgesses)	1858
	3660
Students' Tickets ...	583
Total ...	4243

Ratepayers	1,010
Non-Ratepayers	2,650
	3,660

SEXES.

Males	1,816
Females...	1,844
	3,660

AGES.

Under 20	843
,, 30	739
,, 40	548
,, 50	259
,, 60	111
Over 60	83
Not stated	1,077
	3,660

WARDS.

Cottenham Park	316
Dundonald	421
St. John's	672
St. Mary's	714
South Park	982
Trinity	555
	3,660

Students' Tickets 583

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS, Etc.

Taken in the Library.

Those marked * are presented by the Publishers and others.

Dailies.

Daily Chronicle (2 copies).
Daily Graphic.
Daily News.
Daily Telegraph (2 copies).
Evening Standard.
Figaro
Globe.
Irish Times.
Morning Post.
Pall Mall Gazette.
Scotsman.
Standard.
Star.
Times (2 copies).
Westminster Gazette.

Weeklies.

*Architect.
Athenæum.
*Banner of Israel.
Black and White.
*British Architect.
*Broad Arrow.
Builder.
Building News.
*Canada.
*Canadian Gazette.
*Catholic Weekly.
*Certificate Examiner.
*Chemist and Druggist.
*Christian.
*Christian Globe.
*Christian Science Sentinel.
Christian World.
*Church Times.
*Civil Service Aspirant.
*Civil Service Candidate.
*Civil Service Weekly.
*Civilian.
*Clarion.
Constitutional Papers.
Contract Journal.
Country Life.
County Gentleman.
*Crown.
*Croydon Citizen.
*Croydon Guardian.
Daily Mail, edition for the blind.
Economist.
Electrical Review.
Electrician.
Engineering.
*English Churchman.
English Mechanic.
Era.
Exchange and Mart (thrice weekly).
Field.
Focus.
*Fulham Times.
Gardener's Chronicle.
Graphic.
Guardian.
*House Property.
Illustrated London News.
*Illustrated Journal of Patents.
*Insurance Record.
*Justice.
Lady.
Lady's Pictorial.
*Laundry Journal.
*Licensing World.
*Local Government Journal.
*Middlesex County Times.
*Modern Society.
*Municipal Gazette.
Nation.
Nature.
*News of the World.
*Norwood News.
Notes and Queries.
*Pitman's Journal.
Punch.
Queen.
*Richmond and Twickenham Times.
*Richmond Herald.
Saturday Review.

Schoolmaster.
Schoolmistress.
Sketch.
Spectator.
*Surrey Advertiser.
*Surrey Comet (4 copies).
*Surrey Times.
T.P's Weekly.
*Timber Trades Journal.
United Service Gazette.
*University Correspondent.
*Wimbledon Borough News (4 copies).
*Wimbledon Gazette (4 copies).
Wimbledon Herald (4 copies).
World.

MONTHLIES.

*Accountants' Record.
*Agricultural Economist.
Albany Review.
*Antiquary.
*Anti-Slavery Reporter.
*Arms and Explosives.
Badminton Magazine.
Blackwood's Magazine.
*Bookkeepers' Record.
Bookman.
Boys' Own Paper.
Burlington Magazine.
Cassell's Magazine.
Cassier's Magazine.
Century Magazine.
Chambers's Journal.
*Christian Science Journal.
*Church Missionary Review.
*Church Gazette.
*Clerk.
*Conservative and Unionist.
Contemporary Review.
Cornhill Magazine.
*Deceased Seaman.
*Educational Times.
English Illustrated Magazine.
*Food and Cookery.
*Footsteps.
Fortnightly Review.
*Geographical Journal.
Girls' Own Paper.
*Great Western Railway Magazine.
Harper's Magazine.
*Herald of the Cross.
*Herald of Health.
*Herald of the Golden Age.
*Home Gazette.
*Illustrated Temperance Monthly.
*Insurance Agent.
*Kennel Gazette.
Knowledge.
*Literary Guide.
Literary World.
Month.
Musical Times.
*Nation in Arms.
*National Church.
*National Deposit Friendly Society's Magazine.
National Home Reading Union Magazines.
*Navy League Journal.
*New Church Magazine.
Nineteenth Century and After.
*Our Waifs and Strays.
Pall Mall Magazine.
*Parent's Review.
*Patents.
Pearson's Magazine.
*Philanthropist.
*Prohibitionist.
Quiver.
Review of Reviews.
*Social Democrat.
*Socialist Standard.
*State Correspondent.
Story Teller.
Strand Magazine.
Studio.
Sunday at Home.
*Toilers of the Deep.
*Trade Protection Journal.
*Travellers Gazette.
*Tuberculosis.
*United Service Institution Journal.
*Vaccination Inquirer.
*Vegetarian.
*War or Brotherhood.
*White Ribbon.
*Wimbledon Parish Magazine.
Windsor Magazine.
World's Work.
*Zoophilist.

QUARTERLIES.

Army List.
*Educational Record.
*Englishwoman's Review.
Home Counties Magazine.
*Meteorological Journal.
*Theosophical Quarterly.
Quarterly Review.
Women's Industrial News.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

A.B.C.
Bradshaw.
Bradshaw's Continental.
*Caledonian.
*Great Central.
*Great Eastern.
*Great Northern.
*Great Western.
*London, Brighton and South Coast.
*London and North Western.
*London and South Western.
*Metropolitan.
*Midland.
*South Eastern and Chatham.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TWENTY-SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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REPORT

OF THE

WIMBLEDON PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

For the Year ended March 31st, 1909.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wimbledon.

Gentlemen,

The Committee have pleasure in presenting their Twenty-second Annual Report.

The stock of the Library now numbers 20,153 volumes, as against 18,912 last year. The Lending Library contains 12,223 volumes, an increase of 569 volumes; and the Reference Library 7,930 books and pamphlets, an increase of 672 volumes. Of the books added 930 were purchased, and 311 presented.

The total issues for the year were 151,864, which show an increase of 17,490. Of this total 126,994 were issued from the Lending Library, and 24,870 in the Reference Library. The Lending Library issues were 15,485 more than last year. In the Reference Library the number of visits recorded was 16,603, an increase of 180, and there was an increase of 3,005

in the number of works consulted. These figures do not include Directories and Annuals which are placed in the newsroom.

We draw attention to the continuous growth in the issues from 78,492 in 1896-7 to 151,864 in 1908-9. In 1896-7 the non-Fiction issues numbered 13,192, and during the past year 55,165.

The number of ordinary tickets issued to borrowers was 3,807, an increase of 147. In addition 589 Students' Tickets were issued, an increase of 6.

The following table compares the classes of literature read now with those read during the first complete year of the Library's work, with those of the middle period (1898-9), and with those of 1907-8. In the first two periods the Fiction and Juvenile issues were combined.

Class.	1888-9.		1898-9.		1907-8.		1908-9.	
	Issue.	Per cent.	Issue.	Per cent.	Issue.	Per cent.	Issue.	Per cent.
General Works and Magazines ...			669	0·74	3,624	2·70	3,751	2·47
Theology and Philosophy ...	1,170	1·28	1,061	1·17	2,313	1·74	2,644	1·74
Law, Politics and Commerce	246	0·27	281	0·31	2,834	2·13	3,617	2·39
Arts and Sciences...	3,815	4·22	4,335	4·79	19,590	14·69	22,174	14·61
Literature	6,351	6·94	3,449	3·81	6,558	4·93	7,544	4·96
History, Biography and Travels ...	7,510	8·23	5,809	6·43	13,879	10·40	15,435	10·16
Fiction	72,214	79·06	74,834	82·75	74,667	55·98	86,797	57·15
Juvenile Works ...					9,909	7·43	9,902	6·52
Totals ...	91,306	100·00	90,438	100·00	133,374	100·00	151,864	100·00

304 Worn-out books withdrawn from circulation were replaced by new copies.

Five books were unaccounted for at the Annual Stocktaking, eight were lost by default, seventeen were lost and paid for by borrowers, and two were stolen from the Reference Room.

A census of the attendance at the Reading Room taken during the year shows that there are on an average 1,532 persons daily using the room. The Sunday attendance during the summer months averaged 196, and during the winter months 237.

The wood block floor of the Reading Room was replaced in July at a cost of £51 10s. 8d.

The issue of the Quarterly List of Books was discontinued as the publisher was unable to obtain sufficient support from advertisers to cover the cost of a free distribution.

The Reading Room at Wandle Park House was closed on August 15th, owing to the unsatisfactory attendance.

The Committee asked the Borough Council to grant a site for a Branch Library on the Haydon's Road Recreation Ground, the Council were, however, unable to accede to the request.

The gifts of books and periodicals were numerous. A list of donors will be found in the appendix.

The Committee are gratified at the use made of the Reference Library, and hope that the attendance in the room will still further increase as the usefulness of the collection becomes better appreciated by the Burgesses.

The Surrey collection now numbers 353 items. 83 Local Deeds, Wills, and Admissions to the Manor of Wimbledon dating from the 16th century were acquired during the year.

The following table shows the stock and the number of books issued from each of the School Libraries during the year. The books and fittings are the property of the Education Committee :—

School.	Stock.	No. of Books issued.
Central	204	1,405
Dundonald Road, Boys	68	1,399
Dundonald Road, Girls	71	967
Durnsford Road	45	980
Effra Road, Girls	98	1,486
Haydon's Road, Boys	119	1,423
Haydon's Road, Girls	141	2,078
Queen's Road, Boys	100	754
Queen's Road, Girls	138	2,737
St. Mary's	107	520
Holy Trinity, Boys	93	1,035
Holy Trinity, Girls	108	1,582
	1,292	16,366

The receipts, together with the balance of £132 13s. 8d., amounted to £1,928 3s. 8d., and the expenditure to £1,861 19s. 0d., leaving a balance in favour of the Committee of £66 4s. 8d.

Financial statements and the usual statistical tables are appended.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

OCTAVIUS BEATTY,

Chairman.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31st, 1909.

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
ESTABLISHMENT—		
Light and Fuel	99 4 10	
Miscellaneous	196 4 11	
		295 9 9
Salaries and Wages		653 16 4
Books and Periodicals		503 13 10
Rates and Taxes		9 16 10
LOANS—		
Instalments	210 15 4	
Interest	188 6 11	
		399 2 3
Balance		66 4 8
		£1,928 3 8

INCOME.

	£ s. d.
Balance	132 13 8
Rate	1,712 0 0
Fines, Sale of Catalogues, etc.	81 8 0
Rents	2 2 0
	£1,928 3 8

BALANCE ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treasurer (Revenue Account) ...	57 1 8	
Librarian (Wages and Petty Cash)	9 3 0	
		66 4 8
Site Loan		1,140 3 6
Building Works		867 15 2
Completion Works		127 15 2
Extension Works		2,635 18 10
		£4,837 17 4

	£ s. d.
General Account	66 4 8
Prudential Assurance Co.	2,007 18 8
Liverpool Victoria Legal Friendly Society ...	127 15 2
Corporation of Huddersfield	2,635 18 10
	£4,837 17 4

DONORS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, Etc.

Anderson, Messrs. & Co. ...	1
Anonymous	6
Apperson, Mr. Alderman G. L.	34
Bowie, Mr. W. C.	2
Bramston, Sir John	1
British College of Physical Education	1
British and Foreign School Society	1
British Museum Trustees ...	9
Superintendent of Emigration, Canada	1
Superintendent of Immigration, Canada	1
Canadian Manufacturers' Association	1
Christian Science Literature Distribution Committee ...	1
Cook, Mr. J.	86
Cottrell, Mr. F.	83
Dublin University, Registrar...	2
East End Emigration Fund ...	1
Evans, Mr. Richardson ...	8
Fielder, Mr. G.	1
Fox, Mr. Douglas	1
Geake, Mr. C.	1
Grey, Lord	1
Hampton, Messrs. & Sons ...	2
Hart, Miss	13
Hill, Mr. J. H.	2
Hodgson, Mr. C. R.	1
International Arbitration League	1
James, Mr. C.	1
Johnson, Mr. Luttman ...	23
Jones, Miss Edwardes	3
Knight, Miss	4
Layton, Messrs. C. & E. ...	2
Leeds University, Registrar ...	3
Liverpool University, Registrar	1
L.C.C. School of Engraving ...	1
London Directory Company ...	2
Longstaff, Col. Ll. W.	50
Macdonald, Messrs. & Co. ...	1
McKinney, Mr. S. B. G. ...	1
Mason, Miss	1
Mather, Sir William	1
High Commissioner for New Zealand	23
Parents' National Educational Union	1
Paton, Messrs. J. and J. ...	1
Penn, Mr. G. W.	1
Planínsky, Mr. G. F.	1
Purcell, Mr. Councillor E. A....	3
Randall, Mr. J.	1
Research Defence Society ...	1
Richards, Mr. T.	1
Richardson, Mr. R.	4
Robarts, Mr. N. F.	1
Sheldon, Mr. A. Steele ...	1
Simpson, Mr. W.	1
Stedman, Mrs.	1
Stedman, Miss	3
Tariff Reform League	5
Trim, Mr. E.	2
National Union of Teachers ...	1
Commissioner of Education, U.S.A.	3
University Correspondence College	1
Whitaker, Messrs. J. & Sons ...	1

DONORS OF PERIODICALS.

Apperson, Mr. Alderman G. L.—'Antiquary' (monthly).
Appleby, Mr. P.—'Church Times' (weekly), 'Our Waifs and Strays' (monthly).
Blackman, Mr. A.—'National Deposit Friendly Society's Magazine' (monthly).
Boston, Mr. E. N.—'Trade Protection Journal' (monthly).
Elliott, Sir Charles—'Geographical Journal' (monthly).
Greening, Mr. E. O.—'Agricultural Economist' (monthly).
Hammond, Mr. E.—'East and West' (monthly).
Hargreve, Miss C.—'Theosophical Quarterly.'
High, Mr. A.—'Bookkeepers' Record' (monthly).
Holden, Mr. H.—'Footsteps' (monthly).
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Longstaff, Mr. F. V.—'Navy League Journal' (monthly).
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Townsend, Mr. J., J.P.—'Christian' (weekly), 'Church Missionary Review' (monthly), 'Home Gazette' (monthly).

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

Cooper, Mr. C. H.	Twenty-three photographs of Wimbledon Streets.
Cunningham, Dr. C. L. ...	Two pairs of wings of flying fish.
Martyn, Mr. W.	Framed portrait of Sir Hy. Campbell-Bannerman.
Porter, Mr. Alderman T. R.	Framed photograph of "Double Gates," Merton.
Stedman, Mrs.	Photograph of Adelaide.
Tear, Mr. R. F. C. ...	Five picture post cards of Old Wimbledon.

General Table.

Total Issue to Borrowers and Readers.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics, and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography and Travels.	Fiction.	Juvenile Works.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
April ...	20½	229	177	204	1593	609	1210	6855	875	11752	573
May	24	332	168	227	1832	537	1168	7702	851	12817	534
June ...	23	243	185	207	1523	497	1145	6944	803	11547	502
July ...	24½	222	152	260	1355	436	1031	5915	656	10027	409
August ...	13	149	97	169	918	286	592	3199	373	5783	445
September	23½	283	202	388	2144	627	1325	7348	798	13115	558
October ...	25	411	230	391	2239	809	1601	8365	862	14908	596
November ...	23	398	297	333	2260	768	1535	8102	814	14507	631
December ...	22½	353	215	359	1909	654	1272	7276	868	12906	574
January ...	24	378	276	364	2105	735	1533	8702	1095	15188	633
February ...	22	357	321	364	1974	732	1424	7764	861	13797	627
March ...	24½	396	324	351	2322	854	1599	8625	1046	15517	633
Totals ...	269½	3751	2644	3617	22174	7544	15435	86797	9902	151864	564

Table of Issues, Lending Library.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography and Travels.	Fiction.	Juvenile Works.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
April ...	20½	47	127	104	888	401	846	6855	875	10143	495
May	24	56	134	107	949	373	799	7702	851	10971	457
June ...	23	65	131	91	679	336	759	6944	803	9808	426
July ...	24½	53	123	94	616	272	586	5915	656	8315	339
August ...	13	49	68	54	395	160	322	3199	373	4620	385
September	23½	112	118	127	994	408	799	7348	798	10704	455
October ...	25	112	154	165	1049	503	1026	8365	862	12236	489
November ...	23	125	174	147	1062	505	1013	8102	814	11942	519
December ...	22½	114	144	132	899	431	881	7276	868	10745	478
January ...	24	139	142	98	1048	506	1073	8702	1095	12803	533
February ..	22	141	148	136	1062	495	1047	7764	861	11654	530
March ...	24½	130	175	135	1222	545	1175	8625	1046	13053	533
Totals ...	269½	1143	1638	1390	10863	4935	10326	86797	9902	126994	471

Table of Issues, Reference Library.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History. Biography and Travels.	Total.	Books. Daily Average.	Readers.	Readers. Daily Average.
April ...	20½	182	50	100	705	208	364	1609	78	1259	61
May ...	24	276	34	120	883	164	369	1846	77	1285	54
June ...	23	178	54	116	844	161	386	1739	76	1116	49
July ...	24½	169	29	166	739	164	445	1712	70	1213	50
August ...	13	100	29	115	523	126	270	1163	89	790	61
September...	23½	171	84	261	1150	219	526	2411	103	1566	67
October ...	25	299	76	226	1190	306	575	2672	107	1700	68
November ...	23	273	123	186	1198	263	522	2565	112	1648	72
December ...	22½	239	71	227	1010	223	391	2161	96	1382	61
January ...	24	239	134	266	1057	229	460	2385	99	1500	62
February ...	22	216	173	228	912	237	377	2143	97	1471	67
March ...	24½	266	149	216	1100	309	424	2464	101	1673	68
Totals ...	269½	2608	1006	2227	11311	2609	5109	24870	92	16603	62

TABLE

Showing the Total Annual Issue of Volumes since the Opening of the Library.

1887-8	(Lending Library four months only)	37,344
1888-9	... ...	91,306
1889-90	... ...	89,372
1890-1	... ...	83,208
1891-2	... ...	83,186
1892-3	... ...	84,885
1893-4	... ...	87,068
1894-5	... ...	90,101
1895-6	... ...	81,290
1896-7	... ...	78,492
1897-8	... ...	87,017
1898-9	... ...	90,438
1899-1900	... ...	96,149
1900-1	... ...	106,936
1901-2	... ...	108,003
1902-3	... ...	111,268
1903-4	... ...	115,657
1904-5	... ...	111,048
1905-6	... ...	120,359
1906-7	... ...	123,579
1907-8	... ...	133,374
1908-9	... ...	151,864
	TOTAL	2,162,844

STOCK.

	Lending.	Reference.
General Works and Magazines ...	302 ...	2,664
Theology and Philosophy	827 ...	162
Law, Politics and Commerce	477 ...	860
Arts and Sciences	1,750 ...	1,818
Literature	1,249 ...	659
History, Biography and Travels ...	2,952 ...	1,767
Fiction	3,622 ...	
Juvenile Literature	664 ...	
Duplicates	380 ...	
	12,223 ...	7,930
	20,153	

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	22
Actors and Actresses ...	4
Agents	20
Architects, Draughtsmen, and Surveyors	31
Artists and Designers ...	13
Auctioneers	3
Authors	7
Bakers and Confectioners ...	18
Bank Officials...	18
Barristers	4
Bookbinders	2
Bootmakers	7
Bricklayers and Builders ...	32
Butchers	8
Carpenters and Joiners ...	20
Chauffeurs	7
Chemists	21
Civil Servants...	55
Clergymen	15
Clerks, Cashiers and Book-keepers	362
Coachbuilders	2
Collectors	6
Commercial Travellers ...	38
Cycle and Motor Repairers...	5
Dentists	8
Doctors...	16
Domestic Servants	67
Drapers and Assistants ...	35
Dressmakers and Milliners ...	47
Dyers and Cleaners	7
Editors	3
Electricians	15
Engineers	67
Engravers and Sculptors ...	9
Farriers and Wheelrights ...	4
Gardeners	12
Grocers	12
Hairdressers	5
Inspectors	3
Insurance	6
Ironmongers	5
Jewellers and Watchmakers	9
Journalists and Reporters ...	19
Licensed Victuallers... ...	3
Managers and Manageresses	15
Merchants and Manufacturers	23
Miscellaneous Assistants ...	49
Musicians	27
Naval and Military	6
Nurserymen and Florists ...	7
Nurses	25
Painters and Decorators ...	29
Photographers	5
Plumbers and Fitters ...	10
Police	1
Postal Officials	35
Printers and Compositors ...	19
Public Officials	15
Railway Servants	12
Salesmen	11
Scholars and Students ...	208
Schoolmasters, School-mistresses and Teachers ...	188
Secretaries	16
Shorthand Typists	10
Solicitors	14
Stationers and Booksellers ...	6
Stockbrokers	6
Tailors and Outfitters ...	23
Tobacconists and Newsagents	3
Trades (various), one each ...	32
Warehousemen	12
Not stated (chiefly the wives and daughters of Burgesses)	1927
	3807
Students' Tickets ...	589
Total ...	4396

	Ordinary Tickets.	Students.
Ratepayers	1,069	180
Non-Ratepayers	2,738	409
	3,807	589
	4,396	

SEXES.

Males	1,883	359
Females	1,924	230
	3,807	589
	4,396	

AGES.

Under 20	858	128
,, 30	821	167
,, 40	533	90
,, 50	274	35
,, 60	122	25
Over 60	106	9
Not stated	1,093	135
	3,807	589
	4,396	

WARDS.

Cottenham Park	318	83
Dundonald	398	77
St. John's	714	108
St. Mary's	882	137
South Park	949	136
Trinity	546	48
	3,807	589
	4,396	

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS, Etc.

Taken in the Library.

Those marked * are presented by the Publishers and others.
† One copy presented.

Dailies.

Daily Chronicle (2 copies).
Daily Graphic.
Daily News.
†Daily Telegraph (3 copies).
Evening Standard.
Figaro
Financier.
Globe.
Irish Times.
Morning Post.
Pall Mall Gazette.
Scotsman.
Standard.
Star.
Times (2 copies).
Westminster Gazette.

Weeklies.

*Architect.
Athenæum.
*Banner of Israel.
Black and White.
*British Architect.
*British Esperantist.
*Broad Arrow.
Builder.
Building News.
*Canada.
*Canadian Gazette.
*Canadian Life and Resources.
*Catholic Weekly.
*Christian.
*Christian Globe.
*Christian Science Sentinel.
Christian World.
*Church Times.
*Civil Service Aspirant.
*Civil Service Candidate.
*Civil Service Weekly.
*Civilian.
*Clarion.
Contract Journal.
Country Life.
County Gentleman.
*Croydon Citizen.
*Croydon Guardian.
Daily Mail, edition for the blind.
Economist.
Electrical Review.
Electrician.
Engineering.
*Engineering Markets.
*English Churchman.
English Mechanic.
Era.
Exchange and Mart (thrice weekly).
Field.
*Fulham Times.
Gardener's Chronicle.
Graphic.
Guardian.
*House Property.
Illustrated London News.
*Illustrated Journal of Patents.
*Insurance Record.
*Justice.
Lady.
Lady's Pictorial.
*Laundry Journal.
*Licensing World.
*Local Government Journal.
*Middlesex County Times.
*Modern Society.
*Municipal Gazette.
Nation.
*Nation in Arms.
Nature.
*News of the World.
*Norwood News.
Notes and Queries.
Observer.
Photography and Focus.
*Pitman's Journal.
Punch.
Queen.

*Richmond and Twickenham Times.
*Richmond Herald.
Saturday Review.
Schoolmaster.
Schoolmistress.
*Scientists' Journal.
Sketch.
Spectator.
Sunday Times.
*Surrey Advertiser.
*Surrey Comet (8 copies).
*Surrey Times.
T.P's Weekly.
*Timber Trades Journal.
United Service Gazette.
*University Correspondent and Certificate Examiner.
*Wimbledon Borough News (4 copies).
*Wimbledon Gazette (4 copies).
Wimbledon Herald (4 copies).
*Women's Franchise.
World.

MONTHLIES.

*Agricultural Economist.
*Anglo-Russian.
*Antiquary.
*Anti-Slavery Reporter.
*Arbitrator.
*Arms and Explosives.
Badminton Magazine.
Blackwood's Magazine.
*Bookkeepers' Record.
Bookman.
Boys' Own Paper.
Burlington Magazine.
Cassell's Magazine.
Cassier's Magazine.
Century Magazine.
Chambers's Journal.
*Christian Science Journal.
*Church Missionary Review.
*Church Gazette.
*Conservative and Unionist.
Contemporary Review.
Cornhill Magazine.
*Deceased Seaman.
*East and West.
*Educational Times.
English Illustrated Magazine.
Figaro Illustré.
*Food and Cookery.
*Footsteps.
Fortnightly Review.
*Free Russia.
*Geographical Journal.
Girls' Own Paper.
*Great Western Railway Magazine.
Harper's Magazine.
*Herald of the Cross.
*Herald of Health.
*Herald of the Golden Age.
*Home.
*Illustrated Temperance Monthly.
*Insurance Agent.
*Kennel Gazette.
Knowledge.
*Liberal Monthly.
*Literary Guide.
Literary World.
Month.
Musical Times.
*Nation in Arms.
*National Church.
*National Deposit Friendly Society's Magazine.
National Home Reading Union Magazines.
*Navy League Journal.
*New Church Magazine.
Nineteenth Century and After.
*Our Waifs and Strays.
Pall Mall Magazine.
*Parent's Review.
*Patents.
Pearson's Magazine.
*Periodical.
*Philanthropist.
*Prohibitionist.
Quiver.
Review of Reviews.
Scribner's Magazine.
*Social Democrat.
*Socialist Standard.
Socialist Review.
*State Correspondent.
Story Teller.
Strand Magazine.
Studio.
Sunday at Home.
Times Index.
*Toilers of the Deep.
*Trade Protection Journal.
*Travellers Gazette.
*Tuberculosis.
*United Service Institution Journal.
*Vaccination Inquirer.
*Vegetarian.
*War or Brotherhood.
*White Ribbon.
*Wimbledon Borough Council Minutes.
*Wimbledon Education Committee Minutes.

*Wimbledon Parish Magazine.
Windsor Magazine.
World's Work.
*Zoophilist.

QUARTERLIES.

Army List.
*Educational Record.
*Englishwoman's Review.
Home Counties Magazine.
*Meteorological Journal.
Navy List.
*Theosophical Quarterly.
Quarterly Review.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

A.B.C.
Bradshaw.
Bradshaw's Continental.
*Caledonian.
*Great Central.
*Great Eastern.
*Great Northern.
*Great Western.
*London, Brighton and South Coast.
*London and North Western.
*London and South Western.
*Metropolitan.
*Midland.
*South Eastern and Chatham.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TWENTY-THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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REPORT

OF THE

WIMBLEDON PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

For the year ended March 31st, 1910.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wimbledon.

Gentlemen,

The Committee have pleasure in presenting their Twenty-third Annual Report.

The stock of the Library now numbers 20,855 volumes, as against 20,153 last year. The Lending Library contains 12,472 volumes, a net increase of 249 volumes; and the Reference Library 8,383 books and pamphlets, an increase of 453 volumes. 539 Books withdrawn from circulation were not replaced. Of the books added 986 were purchased, and 255 presented.

The total issues for the year were 151,347, which show a decrease of 517. Of this total 123,006 were issued from the Lending Library, and 28,341 in the Reference Library. The Lending Library issues were 3,988 less than last year. In the Reference Library the number of visits recorded was 17,939, an increase of 1,336, and there was an increase of 3,471

in the number of works consulted. These figures do not include Directories and Annuals which are placed or issued in the reading room.

In the issues of books other than Fiction there was again a substantial increase. In 1906-7 the non-Fiction issues numbered 13,192, in 1908-9 55,165, and during the past year 58,641.

The number of ordinary tickets issued to borrowers was 3,780, a decrease of 27. In addition 652 Students' Tickets were issued, an increase of 63.

The following table compares the classes of literature read now with those read during the first complete year of the Library's work, with those of the middle period (1898-9), and with those of 1908-9. In the first two periods the Fiction and Juvenile issues were combined.

Class.	1888-9.		1898-9.		1908-9.		1909-10.	
	Issue.	Per cent.	Issue.	Per cent.	Issue.	Per cent.	Issue.	Per cent.
General Works and Magazines ...			669	0·74	3,751	2·47	4,840	3·20
Theology and Philosophy ...	1,170	1·28	1,061	1·17	2,644	1·74	2,847	1·88
Law, Politics and Commerce	246	0·27	281	0·31	3,617	2·39	4,223	2·78
Arts and Sciences...	3,815	4·22	4,335	4·79	22,174	14·61	22,858	15·11
Literature	6,351	6·94	3,449	3·81	7,544	4·96	8,338	5·51
History, Biography and Travels ...	7,510	8·23	5,809	6·43	15,435	10·16	15,535	10·26
Fiction	72,214	79·06	74,834	82·75	86,797	57·15	82,682	54·63
Juvenile Works ...					9,902	6·52	10,024	6·63
Totals ...	91,306	100·00	90,438	100·00	151,864	100·00	151,347	100·00

500 Worn-out books withdrawn from circulation were replaced by new copies.

Four books were unaccounted for at the Annual Stocktaking, eight were lost by default, fifteen were lost and paid for by borrowers, and two were stolen from the Reference Room.

In February the tender of Messrs. Chance and Bland, of Gloucester, was accepted for printing a new catalogue of the books in the Lending Library. The catalogue will be ready for circulation in August.

A census of the attendance at the Reading Room taken during the year shows that there are on an average 1,590 persons daily using the room. The Sunday attendance during the summer months averaged 220, and during the winter months 266.

The gifts of books and periodicals were numerous. A list of donors will be found in the appendix.

It is gratifying to note that there has been an increase both in the number of visitors to and in the issues in the Reference Library. No effort has been spared to make this department as complete as possible, and it is now a resort of many serious students.

The long deferred question of arranging Talks on the Books matured in September, and the inaugural lecture was given in October. On the whole the lectures were well attended but did not appear to have any influence on the issues of books relating to the subjects discussed.

The following is a list of the Talks and the names of the lecturers :—

Oct. 8th.—The Charm of History. Dr. Holland Rose.
Nov. 12th.—The Romance of Archæology. Mr. Alderman Apperson, I.S.O.
Dec. 10th.—Books to live with. Mr. Douglas Smith, M.A.
Jan. 13th.—Suthriona; or, Jottings from the History of our Shire. Mr. H. M. Ellis, S.C.C.
Feb. 10th.—Poetry from the Patriotic and Political point of view. Mr. A. P. Graves, M.A.
Mar. 10th.—Robert Browning: a word and a reading or two. Mr. Eric Hammond.

The following table shows the stock and the number of books issued from each of the School Libraries during the year. The books and fittings are the property of the Education Committee:—

School.	Stock.	No. of Books issued.
Central	210	963
Dundonald Road, Boys	85	1,403
Dundonald Road, Girls	92	1,169
Durnsford Road	70	740
Effra Road, Girls	116	1,378
Haydon's Road, Boys	139	1,170
Haydon's Road, Girls	157	2,249
Pelham, Boys	109	2,433
Pelham, Girls	119	1,710
Queen's Road, Boys	110	617
Queen's Road, Girls	154	2,927
St. Mary's	117	424
	1,478	17,183

The receipts, together with the balance of £66 4s. 8d., amounted to £1,893 4s. 9d., and the expenditure to £1,794 13s. 3d., leaving a balance in favour of the Committee of £98 11s. 6d.

Financial statements and the usual statistical tables are appended.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

OCTAVIUS BEATTY,

Chairman.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31st, 1910.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
ESTABLISHMENT—						
Light and Fuel	72	8	3			
Miscellaneous	81	9	0			
				153	17	3
Salaries and Wages				654	14	3
Books, Binding and Periodicals ...				573	15	2
Rates and Taxes				13	4	4
LOANS—						
Instalments	218	19	0			
Interest	180	3	3			
				399	2	3
Balance				98	11	6
				£1,893	4	9

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Balance	66	4	8
Rate	1,759	0	0
Fines, Sale of Catalogues, etc.	65	18	1
Rents	2	2	0
	£1,893	4	9

BALANCE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Treasurer (Revenue Account) ...	91	14	9			
Librarian (Wages and Petty Cash)	6	16	9			
				98	11	6
Site Loan				1,115	19	2
Building Works				757	17	10
Completion Works				115	12	5
Extension Works				2,563	4	3
				£4,651	5	2

	£	s.	d.
General Account	98	11	6
Prudential Assurance Co.	1,873	17	0
Liverpool Victoria Legal Friendly Society ...	115	12	5
Corporation of Huddersfield	2,563	4	3
	£4,651	5	2

DONORS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, ETC.

Apperson, Mr. Alderman G. L.	30
High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Australia	1
Agent General for S. Australia	2
Agent General for W. Australia	1
Bathgate, Mr. Councillor ...	81
Beatty, Mr. O. H.	1
Bramston, Sir John	2
British College of Physical Education	1
British Museum Trustees ...	7
Commissioner of Immigration for Canada	1
Minister of Agriculture, Canada	3
Director, Canadian Experimental Farms	2
Casson, Mr. H. N.	1
Cervera, Mr. E.	1
Churchill, Mr. Councillor ...	1
College of Preceptors	1
Collins, Captain...	2
Cooper, Mr. C. H.	2
Darlington, Mr. H. A.... ...	6
DeBlonay, Mr. R.	1
Dublin University, Registrar...	1
Durham University, Registrar	1
East End Emigration Fund ...	1
East India Association... ...	5
Evans, Mr. Richardson ...	1
Few, Mr. R. H.	3
Fielder, Mr. E.	1
Graves, Mr. A. P.	208
Hall, Mr. W.	1
Hampton, Messrs. & Sons ...	1
Hartley, Mr. C. V.	1
Hearn, Mr. R. V.	1
Hearts of Oak Benefit Society	1
Jannaway, Mr. F. G.	1
King, Mr. J.	1
Ladies' Guild of Francis St. Alban	1
Lamotte, Mrs.	39
Leeds University, Registrar ...	1
Leuchars, Mrs.	16
Liverpool University, Registrar	1
London City Corporation ...	1
L.C.C. School of Engraving ...	1
London Directory Company ...	1
London Publishing Co.... ...	1
Longstaff, Col. Ll. W.	80
Martyn, Miss	2
Neale, Mr. J., Executors of ...	3
High Commissioner for New Zealand	12
North Eastern Railway Co. ...	1
Paton, Messrs. J. and J. ...	1
Peace Society	1
Pitman, Messrs. I. and Sons ...	1
Row, Mr. P.	1
Stigand, Mr. W.	2
National Union of Teachers ...	1
Theosophical Society	1
Trim, Mr. E.	2
Sands, Messrs. & Co.	1
Scott, Mr. G. W.	1
Thrupp, Mrs.	1
Commissioner of Education, U.S.A.	3
Warner, Mrs.	42
Williams, Rev. W.	3
Wimbledon Borough Council...	6
Zoological Society	1

DONORS OF PERIODICALS.

Apperson, Mr. Alderman G. L.—'Antiquary' (monthly).
Appleby, Mr. P.—'Church Times' (weekly), 'Our Waifs and Strays (monthly).
Blackman, Mr. A.—'Depositor' (monthly).
Boston, Mr. E. N.—'Trade Protection Journal' (monthly).
Clark, Mrs.—'Good Templar's Watchword' (weekly).
Cornwall, Mr. J. A.—'P.S.A. Brotherhood Journal' (monthly).
Cowes, Mr. R.—'International Theosophical Chronicle' (monthly).
Friedeberg, Miss—'Votes for Women' (weekly).
Greening, Mr. E. O.—'Agricultural Economist' (monthly).
Hammond, Mr. Eric—'East and West' (monthly).
Hargreve, Miss C.—'Theosophical Quarterly.'
Holden, Mr. H.—'Footsteps' (monthly).
Horsman, Mr. F. R.—'Fulham Times' (weekly).
Hutchins, Mr. H.—'Socialist Standard' (monthly).
Imperial S. A. Association—'Progressive Monthly.'
Lacey, Mrs. Graham—'White Ribbon' (monthly).
Longstaff, Mr. F. V.—'Navy League Journal' (monthly).
Longstaff, Col. Ll. W.—'Geographical Journal' (monthly), 'United Service Institution Journal' (monthly), 'Meteorological Journal' (quarterly).
Maude, Mr. J. B.—'Christian Science Sentinel' (weekly), 'Christian Science Journal' (monthly).
National Union of Conservatives—'Conservative and Unionist' (monthly).
Peskett, Mr. L.—'Clarion' (weekly).
Randolph, Mr. J. A.—'Universe' (weekly).
Social Democratic Federation—'Social Democrat' (monthly).
Townsend, Mr. J., J.P.—'Christian' (weekly), 'Church Missionary Review' (monthly), 'Home Gazette' (monthly).
Webster, Miss E. E.—'Common Cause' (weekly).

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

Boyd, Mr. A.	Regimental Colours of the East Surrey Regt. (worked in silk).
Cooper, Mr. C. H.	Stone found at Wimbledon.
Cunningham, Dr. C. L. ...	Jaws and teeth of Mussel Crusher Fish.
Randolph, Mr. J. A. ...	Song sung at the opening of Merton Priory (MSS.).
Whitehead, Mr. B. ...	Four cases of Birds, one case of Butterflies, one pair of Elk Horns (on loan).

General Table.

Total Issue to Borrowers and Readers.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics, and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography and Travels.	Fiction.	Juvenile Works.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
April ...	21	351	222	310	1820	679	1286	7155	988	12811	610
May	23	285	220	249	1815	712	1201	6994	867	12343	537
June ...	23½	326	197	270	1845	745	1314	6929	871	12497	532
July ...	25	305	178	246	1594	553	1063	5572	702	10213	408
August ...	14	190	98	172	885	266	588	3207	328	5734	410
September	23½	355	191	383	1833	512	1329	6825	861	12279	522
October ...	24	473	287	406	2318	813	1539	7961	937	14740	614
November ...	24	598	290	398	2273	784	1433	7721	967	14464	603
December ...	22½	517	245	377	1887	663	1274	7038	811	12812	569
January ...	22	466	322	511	2090	851	1436	7876	987	14539	661
February ...	22	494	333	489	2348	897	1552	7648	856	14617	664
March ...	21½	480	264	422	2150	863	1520	7750	849	14298	665
Totals ...	266	4840	2847	4223	22858	8338	15535	82682	10024	151347	569

Table of Issues, Lending Library.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography and Travels.	Fiction.	Juvenile Works.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
April ...	21	133	130	113	971	411	872	7155	988	10773	513
May	23	126	126	96	879	421	876	6994	867	10385	451
June ...	23½	123	108	102	904	413	888	6929	871	10338	440
July ...	25	109	84	56	610	290	625	5572	702	8048	335
August ...	14	54	50	45	440	137	341	3207	328	4602	354
September	23½	125	142	123	985	307	863	6825	861	10231	435
October ...	24	141	142	114	1071	426	958	7967	937	11756	490
November ...	24	153	168	140	1037	481	873	7721	967	11540	480
December ...	22½	164	143	131	944	388	829	7038	811	10448	426
January ...	22	149	147	136	961	487	1004	7876	987	11747	510
February ..	22	138	180	180	1036	466	1073	7648	856	11577	526
March ...	21½	153	153	155	1033	474	994	7750	849	11561	538
Totals ...	266	1568	1573	1391	10871	4701	10196	82682	10024	123006	462

Table of Issues, Reference Library.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography and Travels.	Total.	Books. Daily Average.	Readers.	Readers. Daily Average.
April ...	21	218	92	197	849	268	414	2038	97	1446	68
May ...	23	159	94	153	936	291	325	1958	85	1277	55
June ...	23½	203	89	168	941	332	426	2159	91	1380	58
July ...	25	196	94	190	984	263	438	2165	87	1370	54
August ...	14	136	48	127	445	129	247	1132	87	783	60
September...	23½	230	49	250	848	205	466	2048	87	1501	63
October ...	24	332	145	292	1247	387	581	2984	124	1945	81
November ...	24	445	122	258	1236	303	560	2924	122	1856	77
December ...	22½	353	102	246	943	275	445	2364	97	1426	58
January ...	22	317	175	375	1129	364	432	2792	121	1583	69
February ...	22	356	153	309	1312	431	479	3040	138	1743	79
March ...	21½	327	111	267	1117	389	526	2737	127	1629	52
Totals ...	266	3272	1274	2832	11987	3637	5339	28341	106	17939	67

TABLE

Showing the Total Annual Issue of Volumes since the Opening of the Library.

1887-8 (Lending Library four months only)	37,344
1888-9	91,306
1889-90	89,372
1890-1	83,208
1891-2	83,186
1892-3	84,885
1893-4	87,068
1894-5	90,101
1895-6	81,290
1896-7	78,492
1897-8	87,017
1898-9	90,438
1899-1900	96,149
1900-1	106,936
1901-2	108,003
1902-3	111,268
1903-4	115,657
1904-5	111,048
1905-6	120,359
1906-7	123,579
1907-8	133,374
1908-9	151,864
1909-10	151,347
TOTAL	2,314,191

STOCK.

	Lending.	Reference.
General Works and Magazines ...	234 ...	2,739
Theology and Philosophy	867 ...	179
Law, Politics and Commerce	511 ...	898
Arts and Sciences	1,895 ...	1,988
Literature	1,321 ...	706
History, Biography and Travels ...	3,105 ...	1,873
Fiction	3,396 ...	
Juvenile Literature	642 ...	
Duplicates	501 ...	
	12,472 ...	8,383
	20,855	

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	25
Actors and Actresses ...	3
Agents	16
Architects, Draughtsmen, and Surveyors	43
Artists and Designers ...	18
Auctioneers	2
Authors	6
Bakers and Confectioners ...	18
Bank Officials...	23
Barristers	8
Bootmakers and Repairers...	6
Bricklayers and Builders ...	20
Butchers	4
Carpenters and Joiners ...	15
Chauffeurs	5
Chemists	26
Civil Servants...	67
Clergymen	14
Clerks	356
Collectors	5
Commercial Travellers ...	36
Domestic Servants	84
Drapers and Assistants ...	30
Dressmakers and Milliners ...	35
Dyers and Cleaners	4
Electricians	18
Engineers	65
Engravers and Sculptors ...	6
Fishmongers and Poulterers	3
Gardeners	16
Grocers	9
Hairdressers	4
Inspectors	7
Insurance	15
Ironmongers	7
Jewellers and Watchmakers	8
Journalists and Reporters ...	23
Licensed Victuallers... ...	4
Managers and Manageresses	20
Merchants and Manufacturers	27
Miscellaneous Assistants ...	45
Musicians	22
Naval and Military	8
Nurserymen and Florists ...	9
Nurses	12
Painters and Decorators ...	16
Photographers	6
Physicians and Surgeons ...	12
Plumbers and Fitters ...	3
Police	4
Postal Officials	28
Printers and Compositors ...	19
Public Officials	13
Railway Servants	14
Salesmen	13
Scholars and Students ...	233
Schoolmasters, Schoolmistresses and Teachers ...	182
Secretaries	19
Solicitors	14
Stationers, Booksellers and Newsagents...	5
Stockbrokers	5
Tailors and Outfitters ...	19
Telephone and Telegraph Operators	15
Tobacconists	3
Trades (various), one each ...	57
Warehousemen	11
Not stated (chiefly the wives and daughters of Ratepayers	1891
	3780
Students' Tickets ...	652
Total ...	4432

	Ordinary Tickets.	Students.
Ratepayers	1,044	203
Non-Ratepayers	2,736	449
	3,780	652
	4,432	

SEXES.

Males	1,875	400
Females	1,905	252
	3,780	652
	4,432	

AGES.

Under 20	819	133
,, 30	791	152
,, 40	676	106
,, 50	345	45
,, 60	153	25
Over 60	98	8
Not stated	898	183
	3,780	652
	4,432	

WARDS.

Cottenham Park	337	110
Dundonald	458	82
St. John's	642	94
St. Mary's	974	167
South Park	898	151
Trinity	471	48
	3,780	652
	4,432	

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS, Etc.

Taken in the Library.

Those marked * are presented by the Publishers and others.
† One copy presented.

Dailies.

Daily Chronicle (2 copies).
Daily Graphic.
Daily News.
†Daily Telegraph (3 copies).
Evening Standard.
Figaro
Financier.
Globe.
Irish Times.
Morning Post.
Pall Mall Gazette.
Scotsman.
Standard.
Star.
Times (2 copies).
Westminster Gazette.

Weeklies.

*Architect.
Athenæum.
*Banner of Israel.
Black and White.
*British Architect.
*British Esperantist.
*Broad Arrow.
Builder.
Building News.
*Canada.
*Canadian Gazette.
*Christian.
*Christian Globe.
*Christian Science Sentinel.
Christian World.
*Church Times.
*Civil Service Aspirant.
*Civil Service Candidate.
*Civilian.
*Clarion.
*Clark's Weekly
*Common Cause
Contract Journal.
*Contractors' Record.
*Correspondent.
Country Life.
County Gentleman.
*Croydon Citizen.
*Croydon Guardian.
Daily Mail (Braille).
Economist.
Education.
Electrical Review.
Electrician.
Engineer.
Engineering.
*English Churchman.
English Mechanic.
Era.
Exchange and Mart (thrice weekly).
Field.
*Free Trader.
*Fulham Times.
Gardener's Chronicle.
Graphic.
Guardian.
*House Property.
Illustrated London News.
*Illustrated Journal of Patents.
*Insurance Record.
Ladies' Field.
Lady.
Lady's Pictorial.
*Licensing World.
*Local Government Journal.
*Middlesex County Times.
*Modern Society.
*Municipal Gazette.
Nation.
*Nation in Arms.
Nature.
*News of the World.
*Norwood News.
Notes and Queries.
Observer.
Photography.
*Pitman's Journal.
Punch.
Queen.

*Richmond and Twickenham Times.
*Richmond Herald.
Saturday Review.
Schoolmaster.
Schoolmistress.
Sketch.
Spectator.
*Standard of Empire.
Sunday Times.
*Surrey Advertiser.
*Surrey Comet (8 copies).
*Surrey Times.
T.P's Weekly.
United Service Gazette.
*Universe.
*University Correspondent and Certificate Examiner.
*Votes for Women.
*Watchword.
*Wimbledon Borough News (4 copies).
*Wimbledon Gazette (4 copies).
Wimbledon Herald.
*Woman Worker.
*Women Folk.
World.

MONTHLIES.

*Agricultural Economist.
*Anglo-Russian.
*Antiquary.
*Anti-Slavery Reporter.
*Arbitrator.
*Arms and Explosives.
Badminton Magazine.
*Bioscope.
Blackwood's Magazine.
Bookman.
Boys' Own Paper.
*Brotherhood Journal.
Burlington Magazine.
*Canadian Life and Resources.
Cassell's Magazine.
Cassier's Magazine.
Century Magazine.
Chambers's Journal.
*Christian Science Journal.
*Church Missionary Review.
*Church Gazette.
*Conservative and Unionist.
Contemporary Review.
Cornhill Magazine.
*Deceased Seamen.
*East and West.
*Educational Times.
English Illustrated Magazine.
*Englishwoman.
English Review.
Figaro Illustré.
*Food and Cookery.
*Footsteps.
Fortnightly Review.
*Free Russia.
*Geographical Journal.
Girls' Own Paper.
*Great Western Railway Magazine.
Harper's Magazine.
*Herald of the Cross.
*Herald of Health.
*Herald of the Golden Age.
*Home.
*Illustrated Temperance Monthly.
*India.
*Insurance Agent.
*International Theosophical Chronicle.
*Kennel Gazette.
Knowledge.
Lady's Realm.
*Liberal Monthly.
*Literary Guide.
Literary World.
*Monthly Notes on Tariff Reform.
Month.
*Musical Herald.
Musical Times.
*Nation in Arms.
*National Church.
*National Deposit Friendly Society's Magazine.
National Home Reading Union Magazines.
*Navy.
*New Church Magazine.
Nineteenth Century and After.
*Our Waifs and Strays.
Pall Mall Magazine.
*Parent's Review.
*Patents.
Pearson's Magazine.
*Periodical.
*Philanthropist.
*Prohibitionist.
Quiver.
Review of Reviews.
*Sales and Wants.
Scribner's Magazine.
*Social Democrat.
*Socialist Standard.
Socialist Review.
*State Correspondent.
Story Teller.
Strand Magazine.
Studio.
Sunday at Home.
Times Index.
*Toilers of the Deep.

*Trade Protection Journal.
*Traveller's Gazette.
*United Service Institution Journal.
*Vaccination Inquirer.
*Vegetarian.
*War or Brotherhood.
Weldon's Journal.
*Wimbledon Borough Council Minutes.
*Wimbledon Education Committee Minutes.
*Wimbledon Parish Magazine.
Windsor Magazine.
World's Work.
*Zoophilist.

QUARTERLIES.

Army List.
*Educational Record.
*Englishwoman's Review.
Home Counties Magazine.
*Meteorological Journal.
Navy List.
Quarterly Review.
*Theosophical Quarterly.
*Theosophist.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

A.B.C.
Bradshaw.
Bradshaw's Continental.
*Caledonian.
*Great Eastern.
*Great Northern.
*Great Western.
*London, Brighton and South Coast.
*London and North Western.
*London and South Western.
*Metropolitan.
*Midland.
*South Eastern and Chatham.

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REPORT

OF THE

WIMBLEDON PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

For the year ended March 31st, 1911.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wimbledon.

Gentlemen,

The Committee have pleasure in presenting their Twenty-fourth Annual Report.

The stock of the Library now numbers 21,850 volumes, as against 20,855 last year. The Lending Library contains 13,109 volumes, a net increase of 637 volumes; and the Reference Library 8,741 books and pamphlets, a net increase of 358 volumes. 55 Books withdrawn from circulation were not replaced. Of the books added 910 were purchased, and 140 presented.

The total issues for the year were 164,577, which show an increase of 13,230. Of this total 131,608 were issued from the Lending Library, and 32,969 in the Reference Library. The Lending Library issues were 8,602 more than last year. In the Reference Library the number of visits recorded was 17,223, a decrease of 716, and there was an increase of 4,628

in the number of works consulted. These figures do not include Directories and Annuals which are placed or issued in the reading room.

In the issues of books other than Fiction there was again a substantial increase. In 1906-7 the non-Fiction issues numbered 13,192, in 1909-10 58,641, and during the past year 66,336.

The number of ordinary tickets issued to borrowers was 3,935, an increase of 155. In addition 701 Students' Tickets were issued, an increase of 49.

The following table compares the classes of literature read now with those read during the first complete year of the Library's work, with those of the middle period (1899-1900), and with those of 1909-10. In the first two periods the Fiction and Juvenile issues were combined.

Class.	1888-9.		1899-1900.		1909-10.		1910-11.	
	Issue.	Per cent.	Issue.	Per cent.	Issue.	Per cent.	Issue.	Per cent.
General Works and Magazines ...			946	0·98	4,840	3·20	5,118	3·13
Theology and Philosophy ...	1,170	1·28	963	1·02	2,847	1·88	3,290	1·96
Law, Politics and Commerce	246	0·27	463	0·48	4,223	2·78	5,383	3·29
Arts and Sciences...	3,815	4·22	4,820	5·01	22,858	15·11	25,917	15·77
Literature	6,351	6·94	3,787	3·94	8,338	5·51	8,866	5·37
History, Biography and Travels ...	7,510	8·23	5,786	6·01	15,535	10·26	17,762	10·79
Fiction	72,214	79·06	79,384	82·56	82,682	54·63	87,047	52·89
Juvenile Works ...					10,024	6·63	11,194	6·80
Totals ...	91,306	100·00	96,149	100·00	151,347	100·00	164,577	100·00

272 Worn-out books withdrawn from circulation were replaced by new copies.

Seven books were unaccounted for at the Annual Stocktaking, eight were lost by default, thirteen were lost and paid for by borrowers, and three were stolen from the Reference Room.

A new and complete Catalogue of the Books in the Lending Library was published in August.

A census of the attendance at the Reading Room taken during the year shows that there are on an average 1,563 persons daily using the room. The Sunday attendance during the summer months averaged 223, and during the winter months 238.

The roof of the Reading Room, which was reported unsafe, was rebuilt and re-glazed in May.

The gifts of books and periodicals were numerous. A list of donors will be found in the appendix.

The Library Talks arranged for the winter months were well attended. The following is a list of the Talks and the names of the lecturers :—

Oct. 21st.—The uses of Biography. Mr. Cecil Walsh.
Nov. 18th.—Lantern Lecture on the Architecture of the English Cathedrals. Mr. H. H. Statham.
Jan. 23rd.—Old Wimbledon. Mr. Richardson Evans.
Feb. 7th.—On History in Fiction. Mr. G. Heyer.
Mar. 7th.—Lantern Lecture on the Destruction of Plumage Birds. Mr. J. Buckland.

The Committee desire to thank the Lecturers for their kindness in placing their services so freely and willingly at the public service.

The following table shows the stock and the number of books issued from each of the School Libraries during the year. The books and fittings are the property of the Education Committee :—

School.	Stock.	No. of Books issued.
Central	229	1,287
Dundonald Road, Boys	108	1,940
Dundonald Road, Girls	112	1,183
Durnsford Road	91	968
Effra Road, Girls	125	1,592
Haydon's Road, Boys	149	1,379
Haydon's Road, Girls	179	2,646
Pelham, Girls	143	1,825
Pelham, Boys	118	887
Queen's Road, Boys	130	976
Queen's Road, Girls	176	4,032
St. Mary's	124	627
	1,684	19,342

The receipts, together with the balance of £98 11s. 6d., amounted to £1,998 17s. 0d., and the expenditure to £1,955 17s. 5d., leaving a balance in favour of the Committee of £42 19s. 7d.

Financial statements and the usual statistical tables are appended.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

OCTAVIUS BEATTY,

Chairman.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31st, 1911.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
ESTABLISHMENT—						
Light and Fuel	94	15	10			
Repairs	134	2	4			
Printing Catalogue	123	5	0			
Miscellaneous	61	14	9			
				413	17	11
Salaries and Wages				668	14	11
Books, Binding and Periodicals ...				458	3	8
Rates and Taxes				15	18	8
LOANS—						
Instalments	227	8	8			
Interest	171	13	7			
				399	2	3
Balance				42	19	7
				£1,998	17	0

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Balance	98	11	6
Rate	1,794	0	0
Fines, Sale of Catalogues, Advts., etc. ...	104	3	6
Rents	2	2	0
	£1,998	17	0

BALANCE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Treasurer (Income Account) ...	29	7	4			
Librarian (Wages and Petty Cash)	13	12	3			
				42	19	7
Prudential Assurance Co. ...				1,734	8	2
Liverpool Victoria Legal Friendly Society				103	0	4
Corporation of Huddersfield ...				2,487	16	6
				£4,368	4	7

	£	s.	d.
General Account	42	19	7
Site Loan	1,090	15	6
Building Works	643	12	8
Completion Works	103	0	4
Extension Works	2,487	16	6
	£4,368	4	7

DONORS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, ETC.

Apperson, Mr. G. L.	9
High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Australia	1
Booth, Mr. Bramwell	1
British & Foreign School Society	1
British College of Physical Education	1
British Museum Trustees ...	2
Church Emigration Society ...	1
College of Preceptors	1
Courtney, Mr. C. J.	1
Dublin University, Registrar...	1
East End Emigration Fund ...	1
Evans, Mr. Richardson ...	2
Foster, Mr. P.	3
Friedeberg, Mrs.	1
Fryer, Mr. A. C.	1
Graf, Mademoiselle	21
Graves, Mr. A. P.	11
Great Northern Railway Co. ...	2
Great Western Railway Co. ...	4
Hammond, Mr. Eric	7
Hampton, Messrs. & Sons ...	1
Hart, Mr. H. S.	1
Health Resorts Association ...	52
Hicks Bros., Messrs.	1
Hill, Mr. J. H.	2
Huggins, Sir William	1
Hughesdon, Mr. J. C.	15
Johnson, Mr. H. Luttman ...	1
Johnston, Mr. H. N.	1
Labour Co-Partnership Assoc.	2
Lawrence, Sir Edwin Durning-	3
Layton, Messrs. C. and E. ...	2
Leeds University, Registrar ...	2
Liverpool University, Registrar	1
London and North Western Railway	10
L.C.C. School of Engraving ...	1
London Directory Company ...	1
Longstaff, Capt. F. V. ...	4
Longstaff, Col. Ll. W.	100
Luck, Mr. H. R.	29
Miland, Mrs.	1
Mond, Mr. Robert	1
High Commissioner for New Zealand	3
Newburn, Ellis & Pryor, Messrs.	1
Ogita, Mr. E.	1
Paton, Messrs. J. and J. ...	2
Peace Society	2
Peace Union	2
Rorie, Dr.	1
Schaefer, Mr. R.	1
Schaefer, Miss	1
Schwann, Mr. J. H.	26
Settler's Emigration Society ...	1
Sheldon, Mr. A. Steele- ...	2
Simpson, Mr. Alderman ...	3
Sopote, Mr. M.	1
Southport Corporation ...	1
Steiner, Mrs.	16
National Union of Teachers ...	1
Toynbee, Miss G.	1
U.S.A. Commissioner of Education	2
University Correspondence College	1
Walker, Mr. C. C.	1
Whitaker, Mr. W.	1

DONORS OF PERIODICALS.

Apperson, Mr. G. L.—'Antiquary' (monthly).
Appleby, Mr. P.—'Church Times' (weekly), 'Our Waifs and Strays' (monthly).
Behrens, Miss E.—'Concord' and 'Herald of Peace . . .' (monthly).
Blackman, Mr. A.—'Depositor' (monthly).
Boston, Mr. E. N.—'Trade Protection Journal' (monthly).
Causer, Mr. J. W.—'Sunday Guardian' (monthly).
Clark, Mrs.—'Good Templar's Watchword' (weekly).
Cornwall, Mr. J. A.—'P.S.A. Brotherhood Journal' (monthly).
Cowes, Mr. R.—'International Theosophical Chronicle' (monthly).
Friedeberg, Miss—'Votes for Women' (weekly).
Greening, Mr. E. O.—'Agricultural Economist' (monthly).
Hammond, Mr. Eric—'East and West' (monthly).
Hargreve, Miss C.—'Theosophical Quarterly.'
Holden, Mr. H.—'Footsteps' (as issued).
Hutchins, Mr. H.—'Socialist Standard' (monthly).
Imperial S. A. Association—'Progressive Monthly.'
Longstaff, Capt. F. V.—'Navy League Journal' (monthly).
Longstaff, Col. Ll. W.—'Geographical Journal' (monthly), 'United Service Institution Journal' (monthly), 'Meteorological Journal' (quarterly).
Maude, Mr. J. B.—'Christian Science Sentinel' (weekly), 'Christian Science Journal' (monthly).
National Union of Conservatives—'Conservative and Unionist' (monthly).
Peskett, Mr. L.—'Clarion' (weekly).
Pond, Mr. R. D.—'Wimbledon and Merton Recorder' (as issued).
Randolph, Mr. J. A.—'Universe' (weekly).
Roberts, Mr. C. Q.—'Anti-Vivisection Review' (monthly).
Social Democratic Federation—'Social Democrat' (monthly).
Stewart, Mr. R.—'Liberal Christian Monthly.'
Townsend, Mr. J., J.P.—'Christian' (weekly), 'Church Missionary Review' (monthly), 'Home Gazette' (monthly).
Warner, Mrs.—'White Ribbon' (monthly).
Webster, Miss E. E.—'Common Cause' (weekly).

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS.

Cooper, Mr. C. H.	Two samples of coke breeze.
Ray, Mr. H.	Two fossils.
Sheldon, Mr. A. Steele- ...	Two photographs taken at the opening ceremony of Wandle Park Gardens.

General Table.

Total Issue to Borrowers and Readers.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics, and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography and Travels.	Fiction.	Juvenile Works.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
April ...	24	518	239	397	2232	857	1540	7938	1043	14764	615
May	22	367	181	369	1923	658	1359	7183	828	12868	584
June ...	23½	322	145	345	1816	623	1254	6290	768	11563	492
July ...	23	429	165	388	1607	535	1161	5404	628	10317	448
August ...	13½	254	148	272	1330	395	723	3482	475	7079	524
September	24	430	273	405	2218	710	1420	7474	1077	14007	583
October ...	24	439	335	548	2655	724	1778	7936	1007	15422	643
November ...	23½	459	388	544	2653	780	1634	7918	938	15314	652
December ...	23	406	303	441	2122	753	1497	7903	1065	14490	630
January ...	24	454	363	604	2388	937	1761	8548	1100	16155	673
February ...	22	463	326	511	2464	938	1778	7945	1005	15430	701
March ...	24½	577	424	559	2509	956	1857	9026	1260	17168	701
Totals ...	271	5118	3290	5383	25917	8866	17762	87047	11194	164577	608

Table of Issues, Lending Library.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography and Travels.	Fiction.	Juvenile Works.	TOTAL.	Daily Average.
April ...	24	139	127	137	1028	420	949	7938	1043	11781	490
May	22	130	114	107	901	401	925	7183	828	10589	481
June ...	23½	78	88	110	832	363	840	6290	768	9369	397
July ...	23	86	68	86	616	233	738	5404	628	7859	341
August ...	13½	51	77	50	526	163	415	3482	475	5239	388
September	24	113	155	129	1141	361	923	7474	1077	11373	473
October ...	24	105	170	179	1276	409	1081	7936	1007	12163	506
November ...	23½	95	179	154	1281	408	1004	7918	938	11977	509
December ...	23	124	175	174	1171	443	1009	7903	1065	12064	524
January ...	24	111	169	189	1155	537	1171	8548	1100	12980	540
February ..	22	81	182	189	1166	550	1194	7945	1005	12312	559
March ...	24½	125	216	228	1207	550	1290	9026	1260	13902	567
Totals ...	271	1238	1720	1732	12300	4838	11539	87047	11194	131608	486

Table of Issues, Reference Library.

Month.	Days Open.	General Works.	Theology and Philosophy.	Law, Politics and Commerce.	Arts and Sciences.	Literature.	History, Biography and Travels.	Total.	Books. Daily Average.	Readers.	Readers. Daily Average.
April ...	24	379	112	260	1204	437	591	2983	124	1713	71
May ...	22	237	67	262	1022	257	434	2279	103	1234	56
June ...	23½	244	57	235	984	260	414	2194	93	1115	49
July ...	23	343	97	302	991	302	423	2458	106	1364	59
August ...	13½	203	71	222	804	232	308	1840	136	930	69
September...	24	317	118	276	1077	349	497	2634	109	1532	63
October ...	24	334	165	369	1379	315	697	3259	135	1662	69
November ...	23½	364	209	390	1372	372	630	3337	142	1644	69
December ...	23	282	128	267	951	310	488	2426	105	1397	60
January ...	24	343	194	415	1233	400	590	3175	132	1690	70
February ...	22	382	144	322	1298	388	584	3118	141	1404	63
March ...	24½	452	208	331	1302	406	567	3266	133	1538	62
Totals ...	271	3880	1570	3651	13617	4028	6223	32969	122	17223	64

TABLE

Showing the Total Annual Issue of Volumes since the Opening of the Library.

1887-8	(Lending Library four months only)	37,344
1888-9	... .	91,306
1889-90	... ...	89,372
1890-1	... ...	83,208
1891-2	... ...	83,186
1892-3	... ...	84,885
1893-4	... ...	87,068
1894-5	... ...	90,101
1895-6	... ...	81,290
1896-7	... ...	78,492
1897-8	... ...	87,017
1898-9	... ...	90,438
1899-1900	... ...	96,149
1900-1	... ...	106,936
1901-2	... ...	108,003
1902-3	... ...	111,268
1903-4	... ...	115,657
1904-5	... ...	111,048
1905-6	... ...	120,359
1906-7	... ...	123,579
1907-8	... .	133,374
1908-9	... ...	151,864
1909-10	... ...	151,347
1910-11	... ...	164,577
	TOTAL	2,478,768

STOCK.

	Lending.	Reference.
General Works and Magazines ...	291 ...	2,767
Theology and Philosophy	886 ...	182
Law, Politics and Commerce	539 ..	941
Arts and Sciences	1,987 ...	2,110
Literature	1,370 ...	780
History, Biography and Travels ...	3,232 ...	1,961
Fiction	3,525 ...	
Juvenile Literature	738 ...	
Duplicates	541 ...	
	13,109 ...	8,741
	21,850	

CLASSIFICATION OF BORROWERS.

OCCUPATIONS.

Accountants	35
Actors and Actresses ...	4
Agents	25
Architects, Draughtsmen, and Surveyors	37
Artists and Designers ...	19
Auctioneers	2
Authors	11
Bakers and Confectioners ...	9
Bank Officials...	23
Barristers	3
Bootmakers and Repairers...	6
Builders and Bricklayers ...	29
Butchers	9
Carpenters and Joiners ...	24
Cashiers and Bookkeepers ...	19
Chauffeurs	8
Chemists	21
Civil Servants...	79
Clergymen	18
Clerks	381
Collectors	5
Commercial Travellers ...	40
Domestic Servants	49
Drapers and Assistants ...	51
Dressmakers and Milliners ...	48
Electricians	13
Engineers	50
Engravers and Sculptors ...	4
Gardeners	10
Grocers	15
Hairdressers	8
Inspectors	5
Insurance	6
Ironmongers	4
Jewellers and Watchmakers	3
Journalists and Reporters ...	25
Licensed Victuallers... ...	2
Managers and Manageresses	15
Merchants and Manufacturers	27
Military	5
Miscellaneous Assistants ...	29
Musicians	23
Naval	2
Nurses	24
Painters and Decorators ...	17
Photographers	7
Physicians and Surgeons ...	9
Plumbers and Fitters ...	8
Police	4
Postal Officials	20
Printers and Compositors ...	30
Public Officials	9
Railway Servants	8
Salesmen	11
Scholars and Students ...	228
Schoolmasters, Schoolmistresses and Teachers ...	182
Secretaries	27
Shorthand Typists	11
Solicitors	9
Stationers, Booksellers and Newsagents...	5
Stockbrokers	2
Tailors and Outfitters ...	20
Telephone and Telegraph Operators	20
Trades (various), one each ...	46
Warehousemen	13
Not stated	2092
	3935
Students' Tickets ...	701
Total ...	4636

	Ordinary Tickets.	Students.
Ratepayers	1,134	237
Non-Ratepayers	2,801	464
	3,935	701
	4,636	

SEXES.

Males	1,968	402
Females	1,967	299
	3,935	701
	4,636	

AGES.

Under 20	829	111
,, 30	744	138
,, 40	581	94
,, 50	321	68
,, 60	153	30
Over 60	105	29
Not stated	1202	231
	3,935	701
	4,636	

WARDS.

Cottenham Park	353	104
Dundonald	503	94
St. John's	746	102
St. Mary's	994	201
South Park	872	130
Trinity	467	70
	3,935	701
	4,636	

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS, Etc.

Taken in the Library.

Those marked * are presented by the Publishers and others.
† One copy presented.

Dailies.

Daily Chronicle (3 copies).
Daily Graphic.
Daily News.
†Daily Telegraph (3 copies).
Evening Standard.
Figaro
Financier.
Globe.
Irish Times.
Morning Post.
Pall Mall Gazette.
Scotsman.
Standard.
Star.
Times (2 copies).
Westminster Gazette.

Weeklies.

*Architect.
Athenæum.
*Banner of Israel.
Black and White.
*British Architect.
*British Esperantist.
*Broad Arrow.
Builder.
Building News.
*Canada.
*Canadian Gazette.
*Christian.
*Christian Globe.
*Christian Science Sentinel.
Christian World.
*Church Times.
*Civil Service Aspirant.
*Civil Service Candidate.
*Clarion.
*Clark's Weekly
*Common Cause
Contract Journal.
*Contractors' Record.
*Correspondent.
Country Life.
County Gentleman.
*Croydon Guardian.
Economist.
Education.
Electrical Review.
Electrician.
Engineer.
Engineering.
*English Churchman.
English Mechanic.
Era.
Exchange and Mart (thrice weekly).
Field.
*Free Trader.
Gardener's Chronicle.
*Good Templars' Watchword.
Graphic.
Guardian.
Illustrated London News.
*Illustrated Journal of Patents.
*Insurance Record.
Ladies' Field.
Lady.
Lady's Pictorial.
*Licensing World.
*Local Government Journal.
*Middlesex County Times.
*Modern Society.
*Municipal Gazette.
Nation.
Nature.
*News of the World.
*Norwood News.
Notes and Queries.
Observer.
Photography.
*Pitman's Journal.
Punch.
Queen.
*Richmond and Twickenham Times.
*Richmond Herald.
Saturday Review.
Schoolmaster.
Schoolmistress.

Sketch.
Spectator.
*Standard of Empire.
Sunday Times.
*Surrey Advertiser.
*Surrey Comet (8 copies).
*Surrey Times.
T.P s Weekly.
Truth.
United Service Gazette.
*Universe.
*University Correspondent and Certificate Examiner.
*Votes for Women.
*Wimbledon Borough News (4 copies).
*Wimbledon Gazette (4 copies).
Wimbledon Herald.
*Wimbledon Park and Southfields News Letter.
World.

MONTHLIES.

*Agricultural Economist.
*Anglo-Russian.
*Antiquary.
*Anti-Slavery Reporter.
*Anti-Vivisection Review.
*Arbitrator.
*Arms and Explosives.
Badminton Magazine.
Blackwood's Magazine.
Bookman.
Boys' Own Paper.
Braille Literary Journal.
*Brotherhood Journal.
Burlington Magazine.
*Canadian Century.
Cassell's Magazine.
Cassier's Magazine.
Century Magazine.
Chambers's Journal.
*Christian Science Journal.
*Church Missionary Review.
*Church Gazette.
*Concord.
*Conservative and Unionist.
Contemporary Review.
Cornhill Magazine.
*Deceased Seamen.
*Depositor.
*East and West.
*Educational Times.
English Illustrated Magazine.
*Englishwoman.
English Review.
Figaro Illustré.
*Food and Cookery.
*Footsteps.
Fortnightly Review.
*Free Russia.
*Geographical Journal.
Girls' Own Paper.
*Great Western Railway Magazine
Harper's Magazine.
*Herald of Peace.
*Herald of the Cross.
*Herald of Health.
*Herald of the Golden Age.
*Home.
*Illustrated Temperance Monthly.
*India.
*Insurance Agent.
*International Theosophical Chronicle.
*Kennel Gazette.
Knowledge.
Lady's Realm.
*Liberal Christian Monthly.
*Liberal Monthly.
*Literary Guide.
Literary World.
*Monthly Notes on Tariff Reform.
Month.
*Musical Herald.
Musical Times.
*Nation in Arms.
*National Church.
National Home Reading Union Magazines.
*Navy League Journal.
*New Church Magazine.
Nineteenth Century and After.
*Our Waifs and Strays.
Pall Mall Magazine.
*Parent s Review.
*Patents.
Pearson's Magazine.
*Philanthropist.
*P.S.A. Brotherhood Journal.
*Progressive Monthly.
Quiver.
Review of Reviews.
*Sales and Wants.
Scribner's Magazine.
*Social Democrat.
*Socialist Standard.
Socialist Review.
*State Correspondent.
Story Teller.
Strand Magazine.
Studio.
Sunday at Home.
*Sunday Guardian.
Times Index.
*Toilers of the Deep.

*Trade Protection Journal.
*Traveller's Gazette.
*United Service Institution Journal.
*Vaccination Inquirer.
*Vegetarian.
*War or Brotherhood.
Weldon's Journal.
*White Ribbon.
*Wimbledon Borough Council Minutes.
*Wimbledon Education Committee Minutes.
*Wimbledon Parish Magazine.
Windsor Magazine.
World's Work.
*Zoophilist.

QUARTERLIES.

Army List.
*Educational Record.
*Englishwoman's Review.
Home Counties Magazine.
*Meteorological Journal.
Navy List.
Quarterly Review.
*Theosophical Quarterly.
*Theosophist.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

A.B.C.
Bradshaw.
Bradshaw's Continental.
*Caledonian.
*Great Eastern.
*Great Northern.
*Great Western.
*London, Brighton and South Coast.
*London and North Western.
*London and South Western.
*Metropolitan.
*Midland.
*South Eastern and Chatham.

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MEMORANDA.

Population of Wimbledon (estimated)	58,000
Area	3,221 acres
Public Libraries Acts adopted	June, 1883
First Committee appointed	Oct., 1886
Library opened by Sir John Lubbock	March, 1887
Extension of Building opened by Col. Ll. W. Longstaff	Feb., 1903
Product of the penny rate, 1910-11	£1794
Number of volumes in stock on March 31st, 1911 ...	21,850
Number of volumes issued, 1910-11	164,577
Total number issued since opening	2,478,768

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